PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE PAID
OKLA CITY, OK
PERMIT NO. 823

Cheyenne & Arapaho
TRIBAL TRIBUNE

Volume 5, Issue 5 | Dec. 1, 2009 | 50 cents

Elders conference takes on new TWIST

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Elders give a spin on the dance floor dancing the Macarena.

Danelle Johnson, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' diabetes wellness program director, calls out winning ticket numbers.

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

Oldies music plays in the background and elders of all ages are on the dance floor learning to dance to the Macarena.

"Dancing is the best exercise a person can do, especially elders because dancing works all the muscles and gets the heart beating," Margie Deere, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe's REACH director, said. "I dance by myself in the living room for 15 to 20 minutes every week. You don't have to go anywhere to dance, and your home is as good as any other place to dance … I like doing the twist and the Macarena."

Dancing with the oldies, learning Tai Chi and workshops were all part of the new addition to this year's Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes diabetes wellness program's Seventh annual Elder's Conference held Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

"We had a different format for this year's conference. We set up workshops in different rooms and we gave out cards to the participants to have signed when they attended a workshop or when they had their health screening done. For every workshop they attend they received raffle tickets for the many prizes that were donated for giveaways," Danelle Johnson, Cheyenne and Arapaho diabetes wellness program director, said. "They get to pick what information they want to know more about and it gets them more involved in the conference."

Workshops ranging from Alzheimer's and dementia, elder abuse, lupus and suicide prevention among elderly were just a few offered at the conference.

A Tai Chi demonstration was given by Kathleen Tallbear, education program coordinator, to introduce methods to strengthen muscles and balance.

"When a person grows older they start to lose their strength because their muscles loose tenacity. Exercising for the elderly reduces their chances of falling by 50 percent," Tallbear said. "Also, Tai Chi helps a person to maintain their balance, which is very important in the elderly because when they lose their ability to balance themselves they fall and break hips, legs and other areas … I hope a lot more elderly take advantage of learning the art of Tai Chi to improve the quality of their lives. Quality of life for the elderly is what is most important."

The conference opened with a welcome by Johnson and Minita Runningwater, Department of Health executive director. Following opening remarks, time was set a side for all participants to receive health screenings and pneumovax vaccinations.

"This is all about the elderly and giving them information and teaching them new techniques to improve their lives," Johnson said. "It is just a small way to honor our elderly and to help them help their selves."

Following lunch that included a round of Cheyenne bingo and prize giveaways, elders enjoyed time dancing to oldies music and learning dance steps.

"My sister-in-law, Sandra Pratt, brought me to the conference and I am really glad she did. I am 75 years old and I don't have many health problems … so I am really blessed in that respect, but I have learned a lot about diabetes, lupus and other things I didn't know," Frankie Gilbert, conference attendee, said. "It is a blessing to just get up every morning and I am really grateful to be here today."

Ula Lira admires the University of Oklahoma (OU) stadium seat prize during the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes diabetes wellness program's seventh annual Elder's Conference held Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Rupert Nowlin, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Farm and Ranch program director, leads the panel of alternative farming methods at the 11th annual Small Farm Conference held on Nov. 20-21, 2009 in Wewoka, Okla.

Farm conference focuses on minority farmers

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

Farm owners pack the Hargrave Community Center in hopes of finding answers to the struggles of being a small farm owner.

The 11th annual Small Farm Conference was held on Nov. 20-21, 2009 in Wewoka, Okla.

The main theme for the conference was to assist minority farmers in learning about the new farm bills and grants available to small minority farmers through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"The main reason for this conference is to reach minority farmers or disadvantaged farmers of all races and keep them in the circle of agriculture and work together as a group to reach the people in government about our plight," Wayne Chandler, Jr., small farmers minority association, said.

Keynote speaker Geraldine Herring, acting chief for the USDA Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Compliance, Policy and Training in Washington D.C. led the conference on Nov. 21, 2009.

"We want everybody to be served in an equal manner and we regulate Farm Service Agencies (FSA) throughout the country to ensure that rural minority farmers are receiving the help and funds that are available to all farmers," Herring said. "This is a new day for equal rights for all farmers in this country today."

Herring said she congratulated and recognized Willard Tillman, Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project, Langston University for his efforts to strengthen the African American, Native American and Hispanic farms in Oklahoma.

Minority farms that include women farm owners, have grown by 4 percent in the United States since 2007 and over 300,000 farms have been registered since the census in 2002, Herring said.

"The majority of small farms today are classified as having sales of less than 250 thousand dollars per year and hold other occupations outside of farming in order to run their farms," Herring said. "Our office, in Washington, D.C, wants to know if minority farmers such as Native American owned farms or African American farms are only receiving 2 percent government funding while white owned larger farm operations are receiving 98 percent of the funding."

Representing the Cheyenne

See Farm, page 7

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Top: Protestors eventually set up five teepees near the Native American Church in Concho, Okla.
Right: Chief Archie Hoffman sits in front of the governor's office on Nov. 19, 2009.
Above: A BIA police van sits in the Concho community center parking lot on Nov.19, 2009.

Traditional tribal leaders attempt to invoke 'traditional law'

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

It's an hour-by-hour workday.

A series of different global e-mail directives beginning in mid-November 2009 had Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal employees either being sent home from work or asked to stay at work to provide services to tribal members.

On Friday Nov. 13, 2009 a global e-mail from the Office of the Governor advised employees that, "effective immediately, Ms. Carol Kaulaity is acting executive director of the Department of Administration," a position held by the tribes Lt. Gov. Teresa Dorsett. Global e-mails reach all Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal employees who have computer access/e-mail accounts.

The following Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 employees received a global e-mail stating, "As directed by Gov. Darrell Flyingman, and due to the escalating tension and for the welfare and safety of our tribal employees, administrative leave is immediately granted for the remainder of today, 16 November 2009." Later that day another global e-mail was sent on behalf of Dorsett. The email stated that, "As of Friday, November 13th, 2009. By declaration of Traditional Tribal Leaders, referencing Tribal Law and Order Code, Sections 4 and 8, Darrell Flyingman is no longer the governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and does not have any administrative or executive authority. As Lt. Governor, I have been designated as governor and will assert this authority vested in me by declaration ... employees are not granted administrative leave today and should continue to move forward with providing necessary services to tribal members. Thank you."

Attached to this e-mail was legislative order No. 2L-LO-2009-SM-23-03, a Legislative Proclamation – State of Emergency dated Nov. 16, 2009. The order states that Flyingman, "governs through fear, intimidation and disrespect and has

See leaders, page 9

AARP honors Indian elders

(OKLAHOMA CITY) American Indians from across Oklahoma gathered for AARP Oklahoma's first Indian Elder Honors Nov. 17, 2009 in Oklahoma City.

Fifty American Indian elder honorees were recognized from more than 30 tribes at the event, which featured the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers and was attended by several hundred people.

Among the honorees were authors, poets, educators, chiefs, governors, and elders who have kept their cultures alive by saving traditional dance and language, those who have fought for federal recognition of their tribes and nations and veterans -- including the last surviving Native American from the Bataan Death March.

AARP National President-Elect Lee Hammond was on hand to deliver the keynote address and help present medallions along with AARP Oklahoma Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons and State Director Nancy Coffer.

Hammond praised the honorees and noted AARP's commitment to reach diverse populations. He also reminded the audience of AARP Founder Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus' quote: "The challenge to live up to our better selves, to believe well of our fellow men, and perhaps by doing so to help create the good, to experiment, to explore, to change and to grow."

"It was a beautiful night to salute these American Indian elders," Lyons said. "AARP Oklahoma has pledged to continue working with Oklahoma Indians to understand their unique needs and find ways that the association can help them age with dignity."

Among the honorees was **Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member Chief Lawrence Hart**. Hart is one of 44 peace chiefs of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma and one of four current principal chiefs. Hart broke the sound barrier with the U.S. Marines on the same day he was named a peace chief. He established the Cheyenne Cultural Center in Clinton, Okla. where he is currently director.

Other honorees were:

James Anquoe, Kiowa – fearing that traditional tribal songs might be lost; Anquoe approached the Oklahoma Historical Society to assist in preserving songs of all tribes. He is head of the Southern Style Drum Group and the Red Stone Singers. Anquoe has served in an advisory capacity for the creation of publications on powwow culture on Southern Plains, the creation of the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, the Oklahoma History Center and has provided direction and support in building the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum. In addition to serving many years as chairman of the Kiowa Museum, he has contributed to on-going research on the Kiowa people by the Smithsonian Institution and on the creation of the National Museum of the American Indian.

Tony Arkeketa, Ponca Tribe - Arkeketa has sung the sacred songs of his people for 55 years. He drafted the first tax code for the Ponca and spearheaded litigation efforts to defend the code, which was ultimately successful in federal court in the 10th Circuit. Arkeketa has devoted his energy to preserving tribal languages and is considered an expert in the field of Ponca customs and traditions.

Turner Bear, Jr., Muscogee (Creek) – educator, coach and mentor. Bear has worked with Indian students in higher education for more than 40 years. He is a former employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs where he served as higher educator program director. He provided personal and professional guidance for Indian students for 17 tribes from eastern Oklahoma. He also worked for the Cherokee Nation as higher education program director and served on advisory boards for Carl Albert State College, Rogers State College, Northeastern State University Center for Tribal Studies, Oklahoma State University Center of Excellence of Native American Science, Engineering and Mathematics, the Board of Trustees for Bacone College and the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame Board.

Gene Bible, Muscogee (Creek) – served in the 45th Infantry Division and is noted for his volunteer work helping to refurbish homes. Bible is always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Kennedy Brown, Chickasaw – served at lieutenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation from 1987 to 1991 and currently serves as a special assistant to the governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He is Chairman of the Chickasaw Historical Society, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Chickasaw Foundation and a delegate to the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes of Eastern Oklahoma. He also serves as a board of director for the Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma, Ada City School Foundation and Ada Boys and Girls Club.

Dr. Guyneth Bedoka Cardwell, Caddo – retired educator and poet. She collects Caddo oral history and uses the stories to capture the traditions of the Caddo way of life in free verse poetry that has been published in books, magazines and curriculum guides. Her most widely read and award-winning poem is *Moccasin My Feet*.

Allan Colbert, Muscogee (Creek) - minister of the gospel, educator and coach. He has always kept his identity as a member of the Mvskoke people; he sings the Mvskoke hymns daily. Colbert's Mvskoke nickname is "Natohke," which means one who always makes someone laugh. Colbert believes in progressive tribal government; he believes in empowering the youth to assume the leadership of our sovereign nations. He believes in positive attitude and positive action; he is a very proactive leader for those he mentors. His mentorship has raised future leaders who are well prepared for government of our people.

Ethel Cook, Ottawa – serves as second chief of the Ottawa Tribe. She is well respected for her dedication to the needs of the Ottawa people, especially the elderly.

Phillip Coon, Muscogee (Creek) – a full blood, Coon enlisted in the Army during World War II where his unit saw fighting on Corrigedor. Faced with lack of weapons, artillery, and manpower, the American troops battling there fell prisoner to the Japanese, and were forced on a 60-mile walk that became known as the 'Bataan Death March.' Many American troops were tortured and killed along the way, including his friend Cherokee Jacob Cornsilk, but words of encouragement and faith that Coon had received from his elders, teachers, and friends while growing up helped him to survive. At age 90, he is the only Native American alive that is a Bataan Death March survivor. Three generations from this family have defended this country's honor. His son Mike served in the Vietnam era and grandson Keith is now serving in Iraq.

Gracie Dailey, Seminole – served on the Seminole Nation Tribal Council for 15 years. She attended Seminole Public School, Bacone University and Haskell Indian High School. Dailey served 12 years in the civil service and worked many years at Stillwater Medical Center. She is member of the Oklahoma Indian Education Association and has contributed much to her tribe and many students that attended Indian schools.

Lorena DeRoin, Otoe-Missouria – at age 94 still comes to work nearly every day at her job at the Otoe-Missouria Senior Citizens Center where she has worked for 29 years. DeRoin was the first Native American woman to serve as the president of the National Chapter of American War Mothers and today serves in the Otoe-Missouria Chapter

See elders, page 8

USDA secretary visits Oklahoma tribes

Photo by Terrie Anderson/MNN

Pictured with USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack at the Chickasaw Nation's Nutrition Services in Purcell are participants of the Rural Tour Project.

Reprinted with permission from the Muscogee Nation News (MNN)

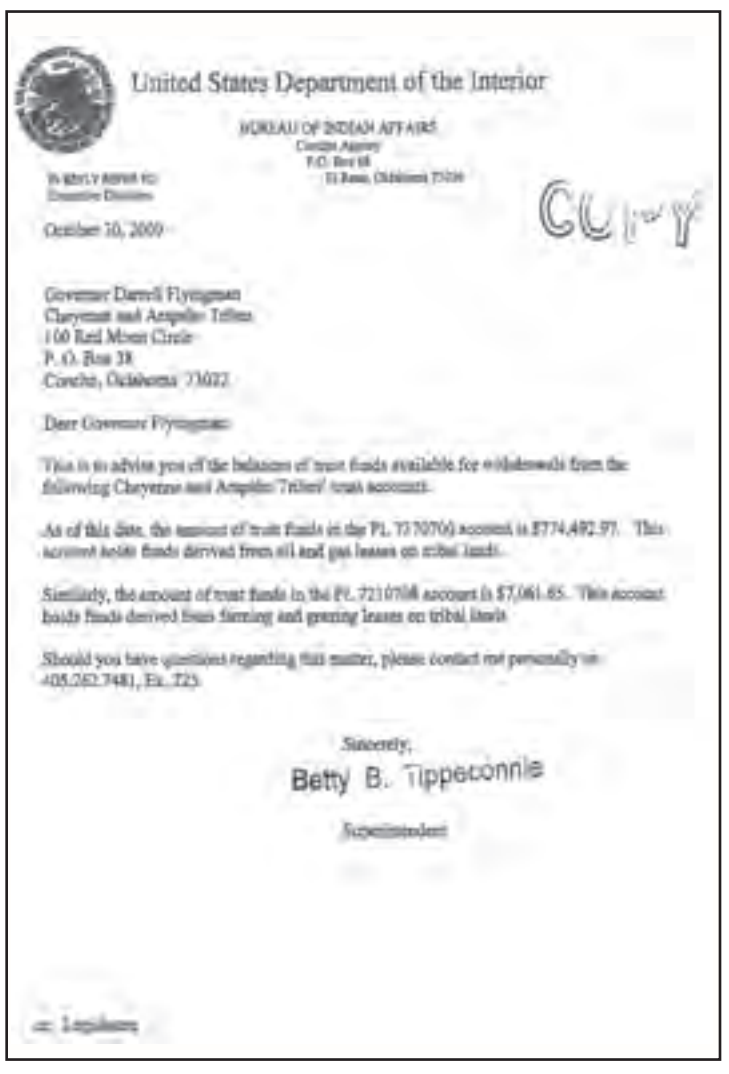
Tom Vilsack, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) secretary, visited the Chickasaw Nation Purcell Nutrition Services site on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009 as part of the Rural Tour project.

Vilsack toured the nutrition center and met with tribal leaders from across the state to discuss issues relating to programs administered through partnerships with the tribes and USDA as well as solutions to challenges facing tribal communities.

"We are honored that Secretary Vilsack was able to visit our tribe and meet with tribal leaders from across Oklahoma," said Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, "By working together and understanding each other, we can all thrive and succeed. Together, we can accomplish great things."

Vilsack was appointed by President Barack Obama and sworn in as the 30th secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Jan. 21, 2009.

The Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program, WIC Program, SNAP-Ed Get Fresh! Program, Summer Food Service Program and Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs are all USDA Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services programs.



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Concho Agency
P.O. Box 68
El Reno, Oklahoma 73036

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Executive Division

October 30, 2009

Governor Darrell Flyingman
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
100 Red Moon Circle
P. O. Box 38
Concho, Oklahoma 73022

Dear Governor Flyingman:

This is to advise you of the balances of trust funds available for withdrawals from the following Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' trust accounts.

As of this date, the amount of trust funds in the PL 7370706 account is $774,492.97. This account holds funds derived from oil and gas leases on tribal lands.

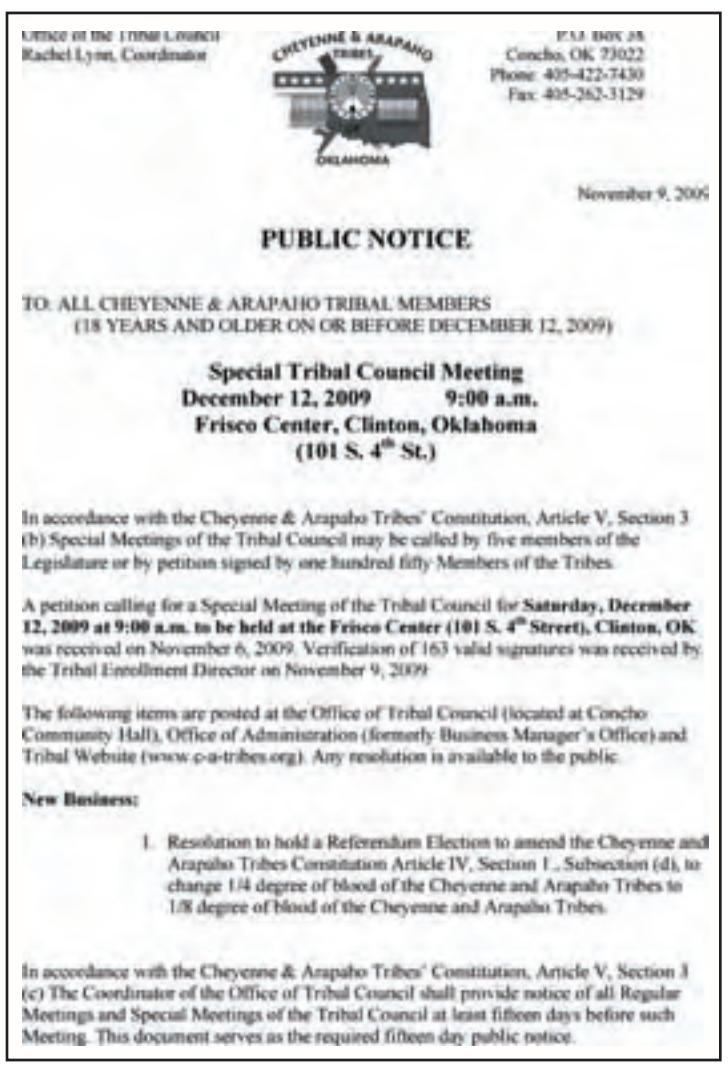
Similarly, the amount of trust funds in the PL 7210708 account is $7,061.65. This account holds funds derived from farming and grazing leases on tribal lands.

Should you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me personally on 405.262.7481, Ex. 223.

Sincerely,

Betty B. Tippeconnie

Superintendent



Office of the Tribal Council
Rachel Lynn, Coordinator

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES OKLAHOMA

P.O. BOX 38
Concho, OK 73022
Phone: 405-422-7430
Fax: 405-262-3129

November 9, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: ALL CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBAL MEMBERS
(18 YEARS AND OLDER ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 12, 2009)

Special Tribal Council Meeting
December 12, 2009 9:00 a.m.
Frisco Center, Clinton, Oklahoma
(101 S. 4th St.)

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, Article V, Section 3 (b) Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes.

A petition calling for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council for **Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the Frisco Center (101 S. 4th Street), Clinton, OK** was received on November 6, 2009. Verification of 163 valid signatures was received by the Tribal Enrollment Director on November 9, 2009.

The following items are posted at the Office of Tribal Council (located at Concho Community Hall), Office of Administration (formerly Business Manager's Office) and Tribal Website (www.c-a-tribes.org). Any resolution is available to the public.

New Business:

1. Resolution to hold a Referendum Election to amend the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution Article IV, Section 1., Subsection (d), to change 1/4 degree of blood of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to 1/8 degree of blood of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, Article V, Section 3 (c) The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall provide notice of all Regular Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least fifteen days before such Meeting. This document serves as the required fifteen day public notice.

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2009 9:00 am
Clinton Frisco Center, 101 S 4th Street, Clinton, Oklahoma

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DATE POSTED November 9, 2009 DATE APPROVED _____
DATE PUBLISHED November 15 (Tribal Tribune)

SUBJECT: Resolution to Hold a Special Election to Amend the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution Article IV, Section 1(d)

WHEREAS, The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Tribe organized under a Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, The self-governance and sovereign status of the Tribes promotes economic and social welfare, protects the religious freedom and tribal customs of all tribal members; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, § 4 of the Constitution grants Tribal Council the power to enact resolutions and/or ordinances, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, governing future membership and the adoption of new members; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council recognizes the need to decrease the blood quantum; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII § 1(a) of the Constitution grants the Tribal Council the power to initiate the process to amend the Constitution by calling a Special Election. The Election Commission shall call and hold a Special Election to amend the Constitution within ninety days of an official request from the Tribal Council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tribal Council requests a Special Election to amend the Constitution Article IV, Section 1 (d), to

"Each person of 1/8 or more degree of blood of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, born to a member of the Tribes after the effective date of the Constitution and By-Laws adopted in 1975.

BE IT RESOLVED the Tribal Council requests the Election Commission call and hold a Special Election to amend the Constitution within ninety days of this official request from the Tribal Council.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED upon approval by the voters, this amendment shall become effective immediately and forwarded to appropriate agencies.

2009 TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES

_____
Chairman of the Tribal Council

ATTEST

_____
Secretary of the Tribal Council
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a quorum was present at the duly call Special Meeting of the Tribal Council held on the 12th day of December, 2009, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote _____ for, _____ opposed and _____ abstentions (not voting).

_____ Secretary of the Tribal Council

Cheyenne and Arapaho
Tribal Tribune

Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor
(405) 422-7608 dattocknie@c-a-tribes.org

Rosemary Stephens, Graphic Artist/Reporter
(405) 422-7446 rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org

P. O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 Fax: (405) 262-6051

Oklahoma Press Association member

Native American Journalist Association member

DISCLAIMER: Letters to the editor, opinions and commentaries do not reflect the views of the Tribune unless specified. Correspondence must be signed, and include a return address and telephone number for verification, othewise it will not be published. The Tribune reserves the right to edit letters, for clarity and length. Submission of a letter does not guaratee its publication. Photographs, news stories, or other materials in this publication may not be reprinted without written permission.

Tribal members may pick up copies at the following Oklahoma locations: Tribal complex, Smoke shop in Concho; Indian clinic, BIA office, Education building (Canadian Square), Chamber of Commerce, City Hall in El Reno; Indian clinic, Elder care, Housing building, Annex, Cheyenne Culture Center, Smoke shop in Clinton; Indian clinic, Food Distribution in Watonga; Canton Smoke shop, and Seiling/Fonda Community Center. / Papers are printed by Lindsay Webb Press.

Newspapers per copy - 50 cents; Annual subscription rate - $25; Enrolled C & A tribal members - FREE.

DEADLINES: *The Tribal Tribune is published on the 1st and 15th of each month. The deadline for the 1st issue is the 23rd of the previous month and the deadline for the 15th issue is the 8th of that month.*

Indian youth get career opportunities, information

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Charles West, a junior at Putnam City High School, gathers information from different booths at the Indian Youth Career day Nov. 10, 2009 at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) in Edmond, Okla.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' higher education staff is available to answer questions from students. Pictured sitting l-r, Jerilyn Doyebi and Wanda Whiteman. Standing l-r are Eagle Runningwater, Marshall Medicine Bear and James Bates.

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

Native American junior and senior students from over 25 high schools browse booths to gather information and help them in their decisions about careers and college opportunities.

The Indian Youth Career Day, sponsored by a collaborative effort of Indian Education programs, was held on Nov. 10, 2009 at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) in Edmond, Okla.

"We are trying to get the information out to students about the senior assistance and BIA scholarships available to them," Wanda Whiteman, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes higher education coordinator, said. "The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have a lot of students in the Oklahoma City Public Schools systems that we want to reach and let them know of all the assistance available to them if they want to continue their education."

Miss Indian Oklahoma Faith Harjo opened the assembly with a blessing and Dr. Myron Pope, UCO vice-president of enrollment, gave opening remarks.

"We want to welcome all the students and volunteers here today in hopes that we can provide our Native American students with information that will help them in their journey," Pope said. "Education is power and for Native American students, they have the opportunity to become great leaders in our country today."

Pope said workshops were scheduled throughout the day for students to enable them to be better prepared for their future as they leave high school.

Financial aid workshops stepped students through the process of applying for the 1.3 million dollars of scholarships available for college.

Edra Thrower, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education representative, talked to students about the early stages of college preparation and what to expect as they enter college.

"There is a big world out there that you haven't even touched yet … that world revolves around being educated and what you can give back to the world," Thrower said.

Some students attended a workshop given by Harvey Pratt, forensic artist for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI). Pratt presented the career opportunities with the OSBI.

Other students participated in mock interview techniques workshop to help them when they begin applying for college entry and career positions.

"I am a junior at Putnam City High School and I am thinking about a career in art, definitely, I just don't know what area yet," Charles West, junior, said. "My parents, Bill and Lydia West, have always encouraged me to do good in school and to further my education and that's why I decided to come today … maybe I can find a direction I want to go."

On hand to answer questions were representatives from such places as the Comanche Nation higher education, St. Gregory's University, University of Arkansas, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Baptist University, Bacone College, Fort Lewis College, Talking Leaves Job Corps., Indian Health Services and the Cheyenne and Arapaho higher education department.

Keeping a language means speaking it

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

One of the main goals in Cochiti Pueblo, N.M. is to produce speakers of their native Keres language. Therefore, the community has chosen not to write their language.

"Literacy can be a stumbling block," Mary Eunice Romero-Little said. "Many of our indigenous renewal language deals with how you teach the language ... we get caught up in how things sound and how it's spoken. The real goal is to produce speakers. This requires a change in our thinking and perhaps a change in our priorities."

Little presented information on Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, Okla. as part of the University of Oklahoma (OU) Presidential Dream Course series. The series has featured guest lecturers, throughout the fall semester, in the museum's Kerr Auditorium. Mary S. Linn, museum curator of Native American Languages and associate professor of Linguistic Anthropology organizes the Dream Course. All presentations are free and open to the public.

Little's presentation was tilted "Rethinking the Role of Literacy in Indigenous Language Maintenance and Renewal." Little said there's a disconnect when people focus on literacy – the reading and writing – because they don't know if they're saying something right or what exactly they're saying sometimes. She said writing their language would weaken the oral process and they want their children to actually participate. They want children to think, act and learn the language by being immersed in it. In order to produce speakers people have to practice, she said.

"Speaking the language is easier said than done," Little said.

Little said teaching or renewing language is an emerging new paradigm that has no blue prints, although there are a few programs and models to learn from, such as the Hawaiian language that is taught from pre-school to collegiate classes.

She said the United States is a country that promotes English in its school systems, and over the past eight years schools have changed under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) act. She said there are huge disparities in education outcomes for children in kindergarten through 12th grade and it has caused educators to look at early childhood education as a solution to the problem.

She said it would help if people can get a head start and work on deficiencies; that's a major concern. "We need time. We need that opportunity in our homes and communities," she said (to teach language). "We do fundamental teaching before kids are in school."

Little said she's heard the question, "Why aren't native kids ready to learn" when they enter school. She said Native American families do a lot with their children before they enter school, such as teaching them traditional ways inherent to their culture and heritage, and those types of lessons are taught orally and through hands-on involvement, not with books.

"My argument is that using oral strategies is fundamental," she said, also suggesting the use of pictures. "Just like another child learning any other language."

She said their cultural plan includes the unwritten language (oral traditions) and the centuries-old intellectual traditions and ways of knowing, doing and learning (epistemologies).

"It's not just one teachers job, it's everyone's job," Little said. "We teach our children pueblo ways without using books. There is no book that we open passing on oral traditions."

She spoke about the different ways of learning, such as role-modeling, guided practice, mentoring, and hands-on active participation. She said with these methods a child does not only learn cultural knowledge, but also learns how to interact.

"Children have learned and watched everything we do," she said. "Cognition develops through rich, dynamic social linguistic interactions and discourses that are not strictly dependent on written forms."

Little said the Cochiti community began to teach the language with a small group of teachers with a similar heart and mind because too many people, voices and opinions would take too long. They also had to educate their tribal council on why they needed to revitalize their language.

One downfall on teaching or renewing a language is teacher and/or student burnout. She said when someone is teaching people who don't understand what he or she is saying will switch to speaking in English. Consequently the session becomes an English lesson about the language and not in the language. She said people have to be careful not to turn the session into a cultural lesson instead of a language lesson. She also said teaching second language learners to teach is a whole different game and it's hard to teach them without the crutches of English.

Little is an assistant professor in the Division of Advanced Studies in Education Leadership, Policy and Curriculum at Arizona State University. She is also a junior faculty research training fellow with the American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Research Center at the University of Colorado at Denver. She has worked as a co-principal investigator for the Native Language Shift and Retention Project. The project was a five-year research study funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES).

"Remember that academic language skills, including those associated with literacy, begins well before mainstream schooling and speaking the indigenous language to children will only enhance their learning and who they are and connection with you," Little said.

She told the audience to keep the faith, and although people say English may be a language of opportunity, "we should not belittle our own language."

"What we do in our homes and communities is very crucial to make sure they (children) acquire those skills," Little said.

The final Presidential Dream Course lecture will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 2, 2009 at OU's Adams Hall 150. The final presenter is Daryl Baldwin, Miami University Myaamia Project director. Baldwin's presentation is titled, "Myaamiaataweenki: Speaking the Miami Language."

For more information, contact Linn at mslinn@ou.edu.

Tsetsehestase & Hinonei
Language Program
Funds
Gaming Revenue
Allocation Plan
(GRAP)
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO
TRIBES
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT
Language Program
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA
www.c-a-tribes.org/
languageprogram

Tsetsehestase & Hinonei
Language Program
P.O Box 38
Concho, OK 73022

Located in the Canadian Square shopping center at 1621 D East HWY 66, El Reno, OK.

(800) 247-4612
Ext. 27640 & 27568
(405) 422-7562 & 422-7640
422- 7568

Language staff
Quinton Roman Nose
Executive Education Director
qromannose@c-a-tribes.org

Joyce Twins
Language Director
jtwins@c-a-tribes.org

Tribal members and employees are encouraged to visit the Language Program. Audio CD's, booklets and any information is available through the Language Program.

November was American Diabetes Month

Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H.
Indian Health Service Director

November is American Diabetes Month and Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 was World Diabetes Day—both reason to shine a spotlight on a serious disease that leads to potentially life-threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and amputation.

American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have the highest rates of type 2 diabetes in the United States.

Once exclusively a disease of adults, type 2 diabetes is increasingly common among AI/AN youth, threatening the health, wellbeing, and quality of life of future generations.

Diabetes prevention efforts are an urgent priority, as well as diabetes management/treatment to prevent complications.

For three decades, the IHS has served as a leader in the fight against the diabetes epidemic in AI/AN communities, earning national and international recognition for diabetes quality improvement.

The IHS focuses on applying scientifically proven methods to prevent the onset of diabetes and diabetes-related complications such as cardiovascular, eye, nerve, and kidney disease.

The IHS Division of Diabetes continues to strengthen the IHS diabetes infrastructure at the headquarters and area office levels to maintain and improve diabetes surveillance, technical assistance, provider networks, and clinical monitoring.

In addition, the IHS area diabetes consultants provide technical support to diabetes programs in their respective areas by supporting culturally sensitive and focused prevention and treatment programs.

The Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) is a great example of what IHS, tribes and urban Indian programs can do to prevent and treat diabetes when given the support they need to be successful.

This congressional funding has led to almost 400 diabetes prevention and treatment programs in our communities and has demonstrated concrete improvements in the care and treatment of diabetes in our system.

The quality of diabetes care that we provide in IHS is in many places better than what is offered in other US healthcare systems.

I had the honor of working with the SDPI grantees in my work over the last decade, and in particular, saw how the SDPI demonstration project grantees showed how to prevent diabetes and the risk factors for cardiovascular disease in innovative and creative ways that also respected the local communities and their culture and traditions.

We have so much to be proud of in the work of our programs and our communities as they put this congressional funding to very good use.

Please join me in recognizing their efforts, and in re-committing the IHS to aggressively combating the problem of diabetes in Indian Country.

Many of us have people close to us (friends, relatives) who have diabetes or are at risk for diabetes, which makes these efforts close to our hearts.

We must continue our commitment to the prevention and treatment of diabetes in our communities and encourage everyone to adopt more healthy lifestyle habits, including better nutrition, increase physical activity and regular medical care to help us take better care of those with diabetes and to help prevent diabetes in our communities in the future.

Thank you to all that you all have done to help us move towards our goal of a diabetes-free future for our communities.

George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center

10320 North Airport Road,
Clinton, OK 73601

The Substance Abuse Program can be contacted at (580) 331-2370 or by dialing toll free (800) 247-4612 extension 32370.

For information by e-mail, contact Nicolas Barton at nbarton@c-a-tribes.org or Director Harold Spradling at hspradling@c-a-tribes.org.

Tribal Tidbits

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

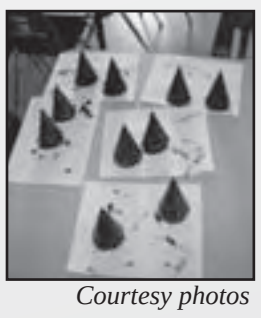
Pictured l-r: James Bates, Wanda Whiteman, Steve Watson,El Reno High School counselor, Pam Woolworth and Jerilyn Doyebi.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' higher education department held a college prep workshop on Nov. 19, 2009 at the El Reno High School in El Reno, Okla.

El Reno High School currently has 18 Cheyenne and Arapaho seniors and 21 juniors.

William P. Williams shows exercise techniques to Clinton Head Start students.

Clinton Head Start students in classroom one paint pictures. Students in classroom three created tipis out of cone shaped paper cups.



Courtesy photos

Students and faculty pray before eating lunch.

Photos by Wanda Blood

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' economic development/enterprises purchased an ice house that was delivered on Nov. 23, 2009 to Feather Warrior Casino in Canton, Okla.

Marcus Chavez and Lahtia Starr carry their turkey from their mom and dad, Janet and Selso Chavez and their little brother Selso Chavez, Jr.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Head Start program sponsored Thanksgiving dinner for all their students and family on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009.

Each student received a Butterball turkey to take home for Thanksgiving.

Above Melissa Curley enjoys thanksgiving dinner with her son.

Below Todd and Lindsay Roy get ready to leave with their Thanksgiving day turkey.

Hoffman receives Native Youth Leadership Award

Sonia Hoffman

Submitted article

Sonia Hoffman is a senior at US Grant High School. She is a proud member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. Hoffman is active in Marine JROTC and plans to join after high school.

She has been active and a dedicated member of the OKCPS Native American Color Guard and Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) Native American Dance Troupe for the past two years.

Hoffman has been fundamental in starting the Grant High School Native American Club and OKC Metro U.N.I.T.Y. chapter. She belongs to National Honor Society and has a 3.44 GPA. This past summer she participated in the LEAD Business program at Dartmouth University.

Hoffman was the head youth girl dancer on Nov. 21, 2009 at OKCPS Eagles in Flight powwow at John Marshall. She is the boy's basketball manager and enjoys volunteering in her spare time. She enjoys volunteering with Project Amigos, SW Chamber of Commerce Trash-Off, Eagles in Flight powwow, and Evening Academic Class. Hoffman's future plans are to become a Marine, attend either University of Oklahoma or Cornell University and some day earn her doctorate degree. Her dream is to work in Indian education or with a boarding school.

Hoffman was also awarded the Native Youth Leadership Award on Nov. 16, 2009 at the Oklahoma State Capitol during the Native American Heritage Celebration. Please join us in congratulating Hoffman on this amazing achievement! We are so proud of you!!!

Native American art calendar, book signing scheduled

(NORMAN, Okla.) – Thirteen of the nation's most well known Native American artists will be on location Dec. 5-6, 2009 at the Tribes 131 Gallery in Norman to sign copies of an art calendar showcasing their work.

Now in its 16th year, this event never fails to bring in fans from across Oklahoma and the surrounding states.

"The draw this group of artists has is outstanding. Customers begin purchasing the calendars in June of each year to ensure they have theirs for this event," Leslie Zinbi said.

Several authors will also be at the gallery this weekend with their latest books, including Murv Jacob from Tahlequah and Deborah Duvall from Tulsa. Jabob and Duvall write and illustrate books about Cherokee myths and legends featuring all animals and are generally done for children. Both tour and lecture across the nation.

This year's calendar artists are: Dolores Purdy Corcoran, Caddo, is the cover artist. The other artists are: Troy Anderson, Master Artist of the Five Civilized Tribes; Harvey Pratt, Southern Cheyenne; Benjamin Harjo, Jr., Seminole/Shawnee and a 2009 Oklahoma Living Treasure; Wayne Cooper, Yuchi descent who has 14 commissioned pieces in the Oklahoma State Capital and is working on his 15th; Norma Howard, Choctaw, Master Artist of the Five Civilized Tribes; Elena Pate, Choctaw; George Levi, Southern Cheyenne, ledger artist; Brent Learned, Arapaho; Robby McMurtry, Comanche descent, an artist and author who just completed his latest book on Ned Christie; Charles Chapman, Pawnee, Master Artist; Richard Ray Whitman, Yuchi, artist and actor; and David Kaskaske, Otoe-Missouria, Master Artist.

The 16th annual Native American Art Calendar and Native American Authors Book Signing Event
From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5, 2009
From noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 6, 2009

"This group has extensive resumes and I am lucky to have all 13 of them together. More than 800 calendars have presold," Zinbi said.

Tribes 131 Gallery is located at 131 24th Ave. N.W. in Norman, Okla. For more information, call (405) 329-4442 or visit the Web site at www.tribes131.com for more information.

Transition Coalition

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education program, in conjunction with local high school systems, is developing a program called the Transition Coalition.

Transition Coalition or 'TC' consists of tribe support and programs, (Indian) community, and public schools working in partnership for quality education for Indian youth.

Research literature suggests that today's American Indian students face unique situations/conditions as they move from one level of schooling to another, such as from high school to college.

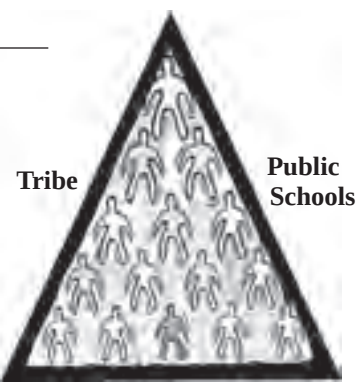
This uniqueness seemingly has a base in their home and tribal cultures, which are seldom addressed accordingly.

TC represents a theory-based program of intervention/prevention activities designed to neutralize conflicts, which contribute to poor transition and the prevailing conditions—poor grades, drop-stop outs, weak self-esteem, minimal home support for education, and appropriate preparation for progress/success, during and after transition.

As people most certainly already know, it is a new group/program but an old idea. Steve Watson, El Reno High School transition coach, Keith Goodwin, BS, MCJA Quality Assurance Coordinator (Youth & Family Services) and Marcus Butler, Department of Metal Health recently met with higher education staff.

Discussed were the problems, issues and concerns of the Native American students.

Let us begin working together … Tribe support, Indian community, and public school.



For more information regarding this program, contact James Bates, Jr. at (405) 422-7646 or e-mail at www.jbates@c-a-tribes.org.

FALL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE 2009

The Clinton Respect Program just finished their first ever Adult Volleyball League. The fall league began on the first Wednesday in October and ran through mid November. There were 10 teams who entered rosters coming from El Reno, Hammon, Thomas, and other surrounding communities all to come play their two games of volleyball on Wednesday nights. The final meet was a double elimination tournament held on November 15, 2009. The first game began at 12:30pm and the last game began at 9:30pm- Nothing but volleyball all day! The team that placed first and won it all was the Teepee Creepers from Hammon. They were undefeated the whole season. Congratulations to them! The Volleyball League was a success and the Clinton Respect plans to do it again in the spring of 2010.

Top Row L to R : Byron Byrd, David Whiteskunk, Sahkona Trout, Victor Orange

Bottom Row L to R: Sarah Whiteskunk, Rose Miles, Rachel Candy, Donita Phillips

Keep up with what's going on in the Department of Education on

FACEBOOK!!

Information regarding:

- Scholarships/ Grants
- Internships
- Announcements
- Services provided by the Department of Education programs

Contact Jerrolyn Doyebi or Marshall Medicine Bear for more information at:

- heducation@c-a-tribes.org
- mmedicinebear@c-a-tribes.org
- (405) 422-7653

HOW TO FIND, WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

By Dean Chavers, Ph. D.

BACKGROUND

Catching the Dream, formerly known as the Native American Scholarship Fund, makes grants to Native American college students and works to improve Indian schools. Since 1986, CTD has made scholarship awards to 920 students and has produced 596 graduates. Our retention rate is 83 percent, a very high rate compared to the 82 percent dropout rate that prevails nationwide with Native American students. Contrary to what students often think, CTD rewards students for finding and winning scholarships. Many students think the fewer scholarships they find and win, the more we will like it. The opposite is true. The more scholarships you find and win, the more we like it, and the more money we will give you. Our ultimate goal is to have you being able to go to college with no loans and have your expenses totally covered. The secret is scholarships.

We will help students with their scholarship search, with their scholarship planning, and with their essay. We will help with essays at any time. Our critique of it is free! Please call us with any questions whatsoever. Nothing is too unimportant to ask us about. The only silly or stupid question is the one you do not ask. Please use us freely as a resource.

We require students to apply to all other sources of funds before they apply to CTD. This includes financial aid, college work-study, Perkins and Stafford loans, tribal scholarships, and other scholarships. We want students to be able to go to Stanford Medical School, not have to take out any loans, and still be able to give their momma money.

If you saw a statement about CTD or NASF on any Website or directory listing that says you must find and apply to a minimum of 15 scholarships to be eligible to apply to CTD, disregard it. If you do not do a thorough scholarship search and make applications to the others before you apply to CTD, we will hold your application for up to three years. At the end of three years, if you have still not completed the process, we will destroy your records. At any time during the three years that you complete the process, notify us, give us documentation of the places you have applied, and we will then process your application.

Fastweb, the most comprehensive scholarship site, has over 1,300,000 scholarships in its database. We urge students to find all the scholarships they are eligible for, and apply to them. Scholarships are not all equal. The most popular fields for scholarships are engineering, and the least popular fields are performing arts.

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

There are four ways to find scholarships: (1) on the Internet, (2) using scholarship directories, (3) from your university, and (4) in your community. Motivated students will use all four methods.

THE INTERNET: The best and most comprehensive Web site is www.fastweb.com. Another excellent comprehensive site is www.scholarships.com. In addition to these two, there are hundreds of other sites. Some list one scholarship, and others list many. A student can always Google something like "Scholarships for Native Americans," or "Scholarships for Engineering," and go through the many sites that will appear.

But this method is counterproductive, highly inefficient, and frustrating. It is much better to use a comprehensive site. And contrary to conventional thinking, Native American students should not look only for Native American scholarships. The reason is simple; there are fewer than 200 Native American scholarships in the Fastweb database, and only seven of them have real money. Native American scholarships represent less than one-tenth of one percent of all scholarships.

The seven large ones, in order of money given away each year, are

- Gates Millennium ($2 million)
- American Indian College Fund ($1 million)
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society ($500,000)
- Catching the Dream ($400,000)
- American Indian Education Foundation ($300,000)
- National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution ($100,000)
- Association on American Indian Affairs ($40,000).

After these seven, the amounts are very small. Students should apply to all scholarships, including the small Indian scholarships that pay $250 a year. In four years, that $250 is $1,000, not a bad payoff for half an hour of work.

The key to success in using the Internet is to have an adequate list of keywords. In addition to using Native American, American Indian, Indian, female/male, woman, and minority, students should use these eight master words to help them come up with a list of keywords. The eight master words are: *Honors, Awards, Clubs, Elected positions, Appointed positions, Work experience, Hobbies, Your major.*

Students should send us their list of keywords before they run Fastweb so we can tell them whether or not we think it is adequate. It will also help greatly if the student sends us a resume.

These honors, awards, etc., apply at school, in your community, and at church. Elected positions are such things as class secretary, class senator, and student body president. Appointed positions are such things as editor of the yearbook, baseball team manager, etc. If you are not in any clubs now, join something. What you do now will follow you for the next 50 years.

Your major will not be just one word or phrase, either. For instance, if your major were nursing, you would use the following keywords, and perhaps others: nursing, registered nurse, nursing education, pediatric nursing, geriatric nursing, oncology nursing, surgical nursing, health care, medical care, health administration, medical administration, public health, and public health nursing.

If your major is business, you would use economics, finance, sales, marketing, business management, business administration, business leadership, hotel and restaurant management, accounting, retailing, and banking.

Once you run Fastweb, it will give you between 120 and 150 sources. Unfortunately, it is a keyword search only. There is no connection between the keywords, so students have to go through the list manually to determine which scholarships they are really eligible for. What you will be left with is 30 percent to 40 percent of the 120 to 150 you started with. THIS IS YOUR POT OF GOLD! These 30 to 60 scholarships are the ones you are going to target to win the money you need for college. You should add to the ones you find on Fastweb by using the other three ways of finding them.

SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORIES: Even though scholarship directories are becoming outmoded by the advent of the Internet, they are still valuable. You will find some scholarships in them that are not on the Internet. Your high school library should have a good set of them; if it does not, you can ask the librarian to buy a set, which should cost under $300. I will send your librarian or anyone else a list of recommended scholarship directories at the drop of a hat.

The alternative is to find a good set at the nearest college library. If you need help paying for this travel, CTD can help with your mileage to this library.

Use the index in the back of the book to find the scholarships you want. Don't start at the front of the book and leaf through; this will take too long. Look up the same keywords you used on Fastweb to help you find the scholarships in the directories.

There are over 700 scholarship directories published in the U. S. However, you want to use the most comprehensive ones, which have 600 to 1,200 pages each. The following constitute a minimum set of scholarship directories your library should have:

- Daniel J. Cassidy, "Undergraduate Scholarship Book." Simon and Schuster, Route 9 West, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 07632, (800) 922-0579.
- Gail A. Schlachter, "Directory of Financial Aid for Minorities." Reference Service Press, 1100 Industrial Road, Suite 9, San Carlos CA 94070, (415) 594-0743.
- Gail A. Schlachter, "Directory of Financial Aid for Women."
- Gail A. Schlachter, "Directory of Financial Aid for Native Americans."
- Oreon Keesler, "Financial Aids for Higher Education." William C. Brown Publishers, 2640 Kerper Blvd., Dubuque IA, 52001, (800) 338-5578.
- S. Norman and Marie Feingold, "Scholarships, Fellowships, & Loans." Bellman Press, P. O. Box 34937, Bethesda MD 20817, (301) 897-0033.

We will be glad to furnish your librarian with a fuller listing of scholarship directories at any time, free for the asking. Have your librarian to e-mail me with a request.

YOUR UNIVERSITY: You will be surprised, pleasantly, with learning how many scholarships your university has. If it is an Ivy League, the scholarship dollars per year are in the hundreds of millions. If it is the flagship state university in your state, the figure will be several tens of millions. If you are an outstanding Native student, you should realize that your intended college, and many others besides, will want to recruit you. You should use this knowledge to leverage at least some scholarship support from the university.

Someone on the campus is in charge of scholarships. On a small campus this person may be in the Financial Aid Office. On a large campus this person will probably be separate from Financial Aid. What you want to do is find this person, and have a complete list of scholarships sent to you. That way you will be the person who decides which ones you will apply for, and not someone else.

The tendency of the scholarship officer will be to send you a list of the ones she thinks you are eligible for. Be polite, but ask for the whole list. The University of Oregon, for instance, has a 32-page booklet listing all scholarships on the campus school by school and department by department.

YOUR COMMUNITY: There are dozens of scholarship organizations in your local community. In the bad old days, these scholarships were reserved for the Old Boy Network (OBN). If you were male, and Anglo, you knew about them, were tied into the network, and had an inside chance of winning one or several of them. But today, when the nation is moving more and more toward equity and diversity, these local scholarships are opening up more and more and becoming available to women, minorities, and other underserved groups.

Students living on reservations should realize that the nearest town to the reservation is part of the reservation community. For instance, Pine Ridge residents are part of the communities of Gordon and Chadron, Nebraska. The residents of the Navajo reservation are part of the communities of Holbrook, Page, Gallup, Grants, Farmington, and Flagstaff—whichever is closer.

Some of the scholarships in your community are the Elks, the Masons, the Lions, the VFW, the Moose, the Optimist, the Soroptimist, the Rotary, the American Association of University Women, the Business and Professional Women, the Civitans, Wal-Mart, department stores, and the Toastmasters. Others such as women's groups, men's groups, church groups, business groups, professional associations, and special interest groups also frequently raise money and administer scholarship programs.

Most of our applicants, however, have not even looked in their local communities. Don't make this mistake. Remember, there is no limit to the amount of scholarship money you can win!

Once you have finished using all four sources, put them all together to come up with your total list. If you don't have at least 40, regardless of your field of study, you have not looked hard enough.

GETTING READY TO APPLY

Now that you have used all four ways of finding scholarships, you are ready to put your plan into action. Put the scholarships from all four sources together in one place. The best place to store your information is on your computer. Contact the scholarships no more than eight weeks in advance to ask for an application form and guidelines. DO NOT contact them all at the same time. The scholarship "season" is January 1 through April 30.

About 5 percent will have deadlines before January 1, and another 10 percent or so will have deadlines after April 30. But 85 percent-90 percent will be in the first four months of the calendar year. They are not in business the rest of the year. You want to be patient, polite, and persistent in contacting them to get the application packet.

We recommend that your first contact be eight weeks before the deadline. The second contact, if they have not sent you the materials, should be five weeks out. The third contact, if you still do not have the materials, should be three weeks out.

At this point, you need to hit the panic button—call them, fax them, e-mail them, and mail them every day until you get the materials. Have your counselor to help with this, if necessary.

You will want to keep track of your scholarships carefully. You do not want to miss any of them, and you do not want to offend any of them. Put them in chronological order by the date they are due.

WRITING YOUR ESSAY

Now that you have found the scholarships, you are ready for the hard part. The easy part is finding them, which is only mechanics. The hard part is talking them out of the money. To do this, you are going to have to think. The essay is going to count about 75 points out of 100. The other 25 percent will be your GPA and your ACT/SAT scores. (Never report the raw score only. ALWAYS report both the raw score and the percentile or NCE score.)

How do you talk them out of the money? It is called an essay. Students should go the CTD Web site in advance of writing, download the CTD application, and review the Essay Outline that is part of the application.

If you have a 3.8 GPA and a score of 25 or higher on the ACT, you should win almost all of the scholarships. But if you send out an essay which is at the C- level, you will be lucky to win 25 percent, even with your high grades and high ACT score. If you have a GPA of 3.0 and scored a 20 on the ACT, you can still win scholarships, provided that you have a strong essay. A strong essay can overcome grades and test scores that are a little bit weak, but high grades and high test scores cannot overcome a weak essay nearly as well.

There is no "cutoff" for GPA or for ACT/SAT scores. We have awarded scholarships to students with a 2.6 GPA (which is unusual), and have denied scholarships to students with a 3.3 (which is also unusual). We look at the whole student, not just GPA or ACT/SAT scores. Most scholarship organizations do the same thing.

The essay is the most important part of the application process. The essay will have the following characteristics:

LENGTH: five pages.
SIZE OF TYPE: 11 points.
NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS PER PAGE: eight.
MARGINS: 1.5 inches on all four sides.
GRADE YOU WILL WANT TO GET ON IT: A+.
NUMBER OF TIMES YOU WILL WRITE IT: As many as it takes to get an A+.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE ESSAY: What you are going to do in this world before you die to make it a better place. If you have not thought about this yet, right now is an excellent time to start.

The essay is not about you. It is about a problem that is affecting some people in the world, and what you are going to do about the problem. It is possible to win scholarships without having a problem identified, but your percentage will drop dramatically. The student who applied to us so he could have a good job, buy a house, have a nice family, and have a nice car, got turned down. Hardly anyone is interested in giving you a scholarship to help only yourself. Many people spend their time raising money for scholarships so they can make the world a better place.

The essay is about insight into a real world problem. It is about leadership. It is about compassion. It is about dedication. It is about persistence. It is about determination. It is about mental toughness and the ability to see a difficult task through to completion.

Students should start with a five-page essay. Then when they have gotten that essay to the A+ level, they will boil it down to a two-pager. And when they have that two-pager done, they will boil that one down to a one-pager. If the scholarship application calls for 250 words, that is one page. If it calls for 500 words, that is two pages. If there is no page limit spelled out, send them the five-pager. If they do not ask for an essay, and also do not say not to send them an essay, send them one of the three. It can't hurt.

Often Native American students are disappointed in their ACT scores. The student who expected to get a 25 instead gets an 18. The 3.8 student who is valedictorian expects to get a 32 but instead gets a 22. Is there that much test bias in the ACT and the SAT?

As a person who has worked for years with both The College Board (the owner of the SAT) and the testing firm of Harcourt Brace, I can tell you that test bias alone does not account for these huge differences. They may cause 10 percent or more, but they do not cause the 40 to 50 point differences that we most often see with Native American students. Why do these huge differences occur? It is because Native Ameri-

See SCHOLARSHIPS, page 9

Brenco Energy Concepts launched to bring green products, solutions

(DALLAS, Texas) – As green technology's momentum expands into 2010 and beyond, Brenco Industrial Services, a Dallas-based Native American-owned commercial construction company, has launched Brenco Energy Concepts (BEC), a new division dedicated to green products and energy solutions, Brenco President Steve Cardwell announced.

"Our goal is to bring businesses an energy solution that will actually put money in their pockets within 36 to 48 months," Cardwell said.

"Our philosophy is that it makes good business sense to protect our planet, becoming more efficient with all our resources, not just energy."

"We have found this can increase a company's bottom line through direct expense reduction. Our focus is a family of green products that will greatly reduce a business's energy costs while reducing their carbon footprint."

Cardwell's view reflects McGraw Hill's "2009 Green Outlook" that sees green-related construction growth pushing past recession remnants and growing from $10 billion in 2005 to nearly $150 billion by 2013.

"Energy rates will do nothing but rise in the future," Cardwell said, driven by climate legislation and other factors. "But that creates opportunities for green products and solutions to help business and industry find innovative, sustainable efficiencies with advantages such as clean-power harmonic transformers and 100,000-hour light bulbs available from BEC."

Brenco Energy Concepts' licensed electrical contractors and network of engineers offer a comprehensive power system analysis, recommendations for power system modification and other advantages such as third party certification of reduced energy consumption, said Cardwell, a Southern Cheyenne member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

The division also will recommend and provide products to reduce energy consumption and maintenance costs on vehicle fleets and structure.

"My inspiration for the new Brenco Energy Concepts division was an initiative to lower my own operational costs and reduce (Brenco's) carbon footprint," Cardwell said. "I researched the latest green technology from around the world. Many different types of technology emerged during this research phase. I have a team of experts who also thoroughly researched these opportunities and discovered the best of the best. It made perfect business sense to offer these savings opportunities to our customer base."

EATING well for DIABETES

By Kristie Purdy, MA, RD/LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Healthy Holiday Snacking

Treats and goodies can be found everywhere during the holidays. This can make the holiday season an easy time for many of us to fall off the healthy eating wagon and for our normal eating habits to take a back seat.

First, it is important to remember there are no "good" and "bad" foods, only good and bad eating habits. What matters most is the total amount and types of food we eat over several days. It is OK to reach for your favorite holiday treat. Try to go for only one portion and to not make indulging in the treat an every day event.

Be sure to eat three square meals a day. Skipping breakfast or lunch so you can eat more at the holiday party or have more time to hit those crowded shopping malls is not the best idea. When we skip meals, we are more likely to over indulge when we arrive at our next meal or holiday event. Try to have a balanced diet that includes whole grains, vegetables, fruits, low-fat milk products and lean meats or beans at every meal. If you do not think you will have time to squeeze in a meal, be sure to pack a portable snack, such as trail mix or a piece of fruit that can be eaten on the go.

When reaching for holiday snacks, try using a salad or dessert plate to place your food on. Using smaller plates will help to keep portion sizes in control. Before digging into the buffet line right away, try taking a look at what is offered and only take what you really want.

If your are in charge of hosting a holiday event or are bringing a dish, try bringing a healthy item such as vegetables, salad, fruit, or nuts. If you bring a dip, try making a low-calorie or fat-free version. Many holiday recipes can be altered by using healthy ingredients as substitutions. You may want to put healthy items such fruits and vegetables out before offering high-fat and high-calorie choices. By placing nutritious foods out for your guests to munch on first, they can fill up on healthy foods before overdoing it on other treats.

Remember to eat slow and enjoy your food. It usually takes 15 to 20 minutes for our brain to get the message that our stomach is full. By taking your time, you may eat less.

For questions concerning nutrition, diabetes or weight management, please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7688.

Tai Chi classes to resume in January

Submitted article

Are you looking for an exercise that is non competitive and self paced?

T'ai Chi is a self-paced system of gentle physical exercise and stretching. Anyone can practice T'ai Chi, regardless of age or physical ability.

Benefits of T'ai Chi

- Reduce stress, which improves sleep quality and lowering blood pressure.
- Increase flexibility, which improves balance and coordination - reducing number of falls.
- Improve muscle strength and definition– improve everyday physical functioning.
- Increase energy, stamina, and agility—improve cardiovascular fitness.
- Increase feelings of well being by reducing anxiety and depression.

The Tai Chi began in April and has met once a week until November up to conference time.

We will resume classes from 10 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 12, 2009 either at the Independent Living Center or the RESpECT gym in Clinton, Okla.

Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010.

Man gets probation for stealing money from tribe

(BILLINGS, Mont.) - A 28-year-old Lame Deer man who pleaded guilty to stealing money from the Northern Cheyenne tribe has been sentenced to four years probation and must pay more than $6,000 in restitution.

Prosecutors say Jason Tallbull worked in the tribe's administrative office and stole the money between April and October 2007. He was accused of forging signatures and writing six checks to himself, as well as inflating two payroll checks for a total theft of $7,386.

The tribe offset some of the loss by keeping Tallbull's last paycheck and unpaid leave. He still owed $6,304, which U.S. District Judge Richard Cebull ordered him to repay.

Tallbull pleaded guilty in August to theft from a tribal organization and told the judge he spent the money on himself.

In Wyoming, basketball drives reservation's pride

(ETHETE, Wyo.) - The gym is adorned with championship banners, expectations are high, and the players gasp and burn their way through sprints during the first days of basketball practice at Wyoming Indian High School.

The afternoon is growing late and the sun casts long shadows across the snowcapped Wind River mountains. Inside the brick gym, the Chiefs - winners of the 2A state championship in March - run more drills, more sprints. Theirs is an up-tempo, run-and-gun game, and stamina is critical to their chances for a repeat.

Basketball is king on the Wind River Indian Reservation - a 3,440-square-mile expanse of mountains, valleys and rivers that's home to the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribes. And the Chiefs, who have built one of Wyoming's most successful high school basketball teams, are the pride of a community beset by poverty, alcoholism and related social ills.

Hundreds of raucous Wyoming Indian fans made the 130-mile drive to Casper to see the 155-student school take its seventh state title. At the final buzzer, the players, some of them with their hair in long pony tails, were mobbed by friends and family, young and old, seeking autographs and pictures.

The community celebrated the championship with a pot-luck dinner at the high school gym, said head coach Craig Ferris. They watched a video of the title game, and the players donned war bonnets and were honored with a victory dance.

``As Native Americans, we're very, very family oriented and community oriented, and I think (basketball) is just another reason for the community to come together,'' Ferris said. ``Kids see the players that play now and they want to be a part of it. It gives the community something to cheer about, something to rally around.''

Ferris, 32, who won a state championship as a player with Wyoming Indian in 1995, said his first championship as a coach brought relief, along with pressure to win another one.

``That's the thing about our fans - they're never satisfied,'' Ferris said. ``Last year we were 29-1 and we got in trouble for losing that one.''

Many of Wyoming Indian's

See pride, page 7

REMINDER

Submitted article

To those potential jurors receiving a jury summons:

You must personally report at 9 a.m. on Dec. 7, 2009 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court, 700 N. Black kettle Boulevard, Concho, Okla., for the jury selection process until discharged by the court.

Every citizen has a duty to serve as a juror.

No juror shall be excused from jury service except by order of the judge for legal cause, willful failure to report as ordered may result in punishment for contempt of court. Your failure to report as ordered may be punished by penalties provided by law.

If you are not disqualified or excused by mail, you may request to be excused on the morning you report for duty. You must still report the first day for service unless notified by the court clerk that you have been determined to be disqualified or have been excused.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Employee Committee presents the annual **Christmas Bazaar** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18, 2009 at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla.

All vendors are welcome. Please call Annette Howell at (800) 247-4612 extension 27552 or direct at (405) 422-7552 for booth space. The vendor must donate one item to the Employee Committee for booth space. Open to the public.

Peanut Butter Ranger Cookies

Submitted by Forrest Little Bird

Cooking with commods

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 egg
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup oats
1 cup crisp rice cereal
1/2 cup peanut butter

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
2. Mix the butter, sugar and egg until smooth and creamy.
3. Sift the flour, baking soda and baking powder. Add this to the butter mixture. Stir in the vanilla, oatmeal, puffed rice cereal, and peanut butter. Mix until combined.
4. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheets and bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges. Makes 12 cookies.

Winter Clothing Outfitters
Military Camo Clothes
BIG SELECTION
Camping supplies, Tents, Tarps, Knives, Cast Iron Cookwear & Enamel Cookwear
Sam's Best Buy
Mon. thru Sat. 9 am-5:45 pm
(405) 636-1488
2409 S. Agnew Ave. OKC
STARTING NOV. 29 *OPEN* *Sundays* 1 pm-4:45 pm CALL FIRST
LAY-AWAY NOW! ***Children to King Size Jackets***
Casual & Work-wear
Working Men - We Got What You Want!!
LATEST FASHIONS
Insulated Canvas Suits
Boots, Gloves, etc.
From Nose to Toes
Tennis Shoes Up To Size 17
MEN'S BIG & TALL UP TO 10XL
PRICES HARD TO BEAT-Come See Us First!
Thank You For 65 Years of Your Business!!

BRIEFS

The second annual Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country Conference

Dec. 7-8, 2009 at the Moronga Casino Resort in Palm Springs, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The eighth annual Life-Science Alley Conference and Expo-Highlight Innovative New Technologies

Dec. 9-10, 2009 at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minn. For more information visit www.lifesciencealleyconference.org.

The 2009 Tribal Employment Law and Legal Updates Conference

Dec. 9-11, 2009 at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information call (253) 661-2155 or visit www.ctertero.org.

National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) Multiracial and Multicultural Health Conference

Dec. 9-11, 2009 in Memphis, Tenn. More information about the conference and scheduled speakers can be found at www.ruralhealthweb.org/mm.

Closing the Achievement Gap: Strategies that Ensure Equity and High Achievement for Native American Students Workshop

Dec. 9, 2009 at the North Seattle Community College in Seattle, Wash. For more information visit www.indianeducation.org.

The 14th annual Native American Grant School Association Conference

Dec. 10-12, 2009 at the Orleans Hotel and Conference Center in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information call Phyllis at (928) 429-0515 or Yvonne at (520) 223-0867.

Minority and Multicultural Health Conference

Dec. 10-12, 2009 in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information visit www.indianeducation.org.

The 2009 National Indian Board Members Conference

Dec. 14-16, 2009 at the Hilton in Las Vegas, Nev. To register or for more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Communication Skills for Managers of Tribal Organizations and Enterprises

Dec. 16-17, 2009 at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Introduction to Grant Writing for Tribal Organizations

Dec. 17-18, 2009 at the Hilton in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 2009 Indian Country Training Summit

Dec. 17-18, 2009 at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 2009 Hope Conference-Seeking the Courage to Heal

Dec.18-20 2009 at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City, S.D. Opening the dialogue and beginning the healing for child sexual trauma survivors in Indian Country. For more information or to register call (406) 880-2303 or email Elrae Potts at elraie.potts@gmail.com.

Geary Nursing Home

An enterprise of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Submitted article/photos

The Geary Nursing Home would like to say thank you to the Geary Elementary School for coming out and reading to our residents on National Readers Day this week. The residents really enjoyed seeing and listening to the children read.

We would like to welcome three new resident's to the nursing home this month. Earl "Spec" Blevins from Geary, Okla. Albert Shuckakosee from Stillwater, Okla., and Arieta Linton from Watonga, Okla.

We would also like to thank all of the workers from the tribes economic development department for all of the hard work they have done in the building. This months birthdays are Virgil Perry, Spec Blevins and Arieta Linton.

The nursing home would also like to let everyone know that we will be taking donations for Christmas gifts for our residents. We now have 12 men and seven women.

Please call Debra Jones at (405) 884-5440 for more information.

Senate approves monthly stipends for Iraq, Afghanistan veterans

(WASHINGTON) – The Senate on Nov. 19, 2009 unanimously passed legislation that would provide monthly stipends and medical benefits to family members who stay home to care for severely injured veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The bill also includes travel expenses and training for the caregivers, improved health services for women veterans and rural areas, and nearly $1 billion for veterans medical facilities.

Another section of the bill provides specifically for Native American veteran services and for integration of electronic health records between the Veterans Administration (VA) and Indian Health Service (IHS) and permits the transfer and installation of surplus medical equipment to IHS from the VA. The secretaries of the VA and Health and Human Services must also report on the feasibility of a joint establishment and operation of health clinics on Indian reservations to serve those populations, including Indian veterans.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the measure would cost nearly $4 billion over the first five years, most of it to pay for the new caregiver benefits.

Although the bill had bipartisan support, Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., held it up for weeks trying to persuade senators to pay for the new spending by making cuts in other programs.

He tried without success to amend the bill to cut funding for the United Nations.

"If, in fact, we want to honor our veterans ... we ought to have the courage to make hard choices about how we pay for it," Coburn said.

But Coburn ultimately supported the bill after his amendment failed. The measure passed on a 98-0 vote.

Supporters, including veterans groups such as the Wounded Warrior Project, argued that the spending is part of the cost of war.

Democrats said Coburn and others who were quick to support the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan without paying for them up-front should be just as eager to deal with the consequences.

"We cannot now turn our backs on the obligations to those who fought," said Sen. Daniel Akaka, chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee and the bill's sponsor.

Supporters also argued that the caregiver benefits will save money in the long-run as more veterans stay home instead of moving into expensive nursing facilities.

Lawmakers limited the new caregiver benefits to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to keep down the cost.

The House has passed similar legislation, but it has more limited benefits – covering only the most severely wounded veterans. The next step is for a House-Senate conference committee to resolve differences between the two bills.

pride

Continued from page 6

players come from families whose names echo in basketball lore around the reservation. Their relatives are emblazoned in the school's 56-foot-long trophy case.

``The whole atmosphere around here - it's basketball first,'' said Caleb Her Many Horses, a senior on this year's team. ``I always wanted to be a part of a state championship and be a Chief.''

``It's pretty much the only thing to do on the reservation, play basketball,'' said Slade Spoonhunter, a 17-year-old senior and returning starter from last year's team.

Success tends to breed interest. About 60 Wyoming Indian students, boys and girls, are playing basketball this year, more than double the participation in any other sport.

Basketball is popular across Indian Country in North America. The Native American Basketball Invitational, an annual summer tournament in Phoenix, drew 64 teams this summer and 86 in 2008, said GinaMarie Scarpa, co-founder of the tournament.

The founders started the tournament in 2003 to help connect college scouts with high school-aged American Indian players, she said.

For all of Wyoming Indian's success, its players haven't enjoyed commensurate collegiate opportunities.

Basketball fans rattle off the handful of players who've gone on to play at junior colleges or universities. Some who have tried have dropped out citing culture shock and homesickness.

``They are just another fish in the sea (in college), but it's also not home, either,'' said Owen St. Clair, principal of Wyoming Indian Elementary School and a member of the Chiefs' 1989 state championship team.

St. Clair said Chiefs players are held in ``high honor'' on the reservation. ``Well, you go somewhere else, you're not going to get that,'' he said.

Ferris, who played at Casper College and Eastern New Mexico University en route to degrees in criminal justice and psychology, said he's trying to change his players' mindset about college.

``I set my goal as using basketball to help pay for my education and college,'' Ferris said. ``When I first came here, I think it was something (the players) thought they couldn't accomplish. A lot of them think that after high school, they're done.''

Some players recognize that sports could be their ticket to education and escape from the potential pitfalls of reservation life.

The unemployment rate on Wind River Indian Reservation is 80 percent and most of the jobs are hard labor, according to the Tribal Employment Rights Office.

Health problems plague many tribal members. The average life span on the reservation is 49 1/2 years, compared to the national life expectancy of 76 years, according to the federal Indian Health Service. In 2008, alcohol or drugs contributed to half of the deaths on the reservation.

Spoonhunter, the Chiefs leading scorer in this spring's state championship game, said basketball motivates him to keep his grades up so he can stay on the team and get into college.

``Basketball is a big influence,'' he said. ``It's like my key off the rez for an education.''

Her Many Horses, who won the Wyoming 2A cross country championship last month, said he's being recruited for cross country but he also wants to play basketball in college.

``If you have grades, schools will look at you and you can actually go out to other places and experience those people.''

But first there's the season at hand, which tips off in early December.

The Chiefs are relatively short, averaging about 5-foot-10 inches. But what they lack in height, they make up for in speed.

``Offensively we try to spread the floor and draw their defense out to give our guys the opportunity to create shots and driving opportunities,'' Ferris said. ``If they've got a couple of big guys, we make them guard us out on the perimeter. Defensively, we usually try to press full court to keep them from getting the ball into their big guys, because we're so short. It's hard to defend once they get in their half-court set.''

The Chiefs figure to be the favorites to take the state title again, said Rich Murray, head coach of Niobrara County High School in Lusk, which lost to Wyoming Indian in the 2009 state championship. The Chiefs' frenzied full-court press forced Lusk into an uncharacteristic 25 turnovers.

``If somebody beats them, somebody played a really good game,'' Murray said. ``They're not going to have a lot of size again. But they jump really good and they jump really fast, so that makes up for it.''

Said Ferris, ``Every time we make it to state, they always say, last one off the reservation turn off the lights. That's my favorite saying. That's how it is.''

Photos with Santa

Submitted photo

The Cheyenne and Arapaho media students will have a booth at the annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Christmas Powwow on Saturday, **Dec. 19, 2009** at the Concho Community Hall.

FREE DIGITAL PHOTOS WITH SANTA WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Farm

Continued from page 1

and Arapaho tribe's was Rupert Nowlin, farm and ranch director. Rupert headed the panel for alternative methods of farming that included Dorothy Barkers, Operations Spring Plant, Henderson, N.C. and Paul Reeves, Upepo Energy Group CEO, Tulsa, Okla.

"When I saw the topics on this agenda for today and the speakers, I was very honored to be asked to speak here today by Willard Tillman and I want to thank Willard Tillman for inviting me here today and for all his work with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes," Nowlin said. "We have to find alternative methods of farming from traditional methods we have used in the past to sustain our small farms in this economy."

Nowlin said small farmers take more care with their land today because they live on the land and need to nurture the land to make it a success. One of those people heading up the alternative methods of farming is Paul Reeves."

Nowlin said Reeves works directly with farmers to set up co-ops geared towards wind energy throughout the state of Oklahoma.

"Native American and African American farmers are cooperative people and I feel wind energy through forming a co-op is the way for our people to go," Reeves said. "We need to pursue alternative energy methods for the future of our children and our grandchildren."

For more information about alternative wind farm programs contact Reeves at (918) 340-0827 or for more information about small farming rights and financing contact Tillman, Langston University, at (405) 962-1632.

CALENDAR of Events

Thomas JOM Parent Meetng

At 7 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009 at the Thomas Indian Educational building in Thomas, Okla.

O.I.T. performance

At 9 p.m. Dec. 4, 2009 at the Thirsty Hog Saloon in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.myspace.com/oldindiantrick06.

Stockyards City's Cowboy Christmas

Parade begins at 10 a.m. Dec. 5, 2009 at the intersection of Agnew and Exchange Avenues in Oklahoma City. For more information, call (405) 235-7267 or visit www.stockyardscity.org.

Minco Honey Festival

Dec. 5, 2009 in downtown Minco, Okla. Honey plant tours, kids' tractor pull, honey bake off and craft booths. For more information call (405) 352-0518.

Cherokee Gourd Society Christmas powwow

Dec. 5, 2009 at the Tahlequah Rodeo Grounds building in Tahlequah, Okla. For more information contact Tina Stroud at (918) 431-9920 or email tstroud75@yahoo.com.

Santa's Village and Holiday Craft Show

Dec. 5, 2009 at the Blaine County Fairgrounds in Watonga, Okla. Large Christmas display for children and over 60 booths to shop from. For more information call (580) 623-4681.

Native American Christmas Craft Show

Dec. 5, 2009 at the Glorieta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. For more information call Pat Bartmess at (405) 703-0989 or (405) 250-4259.

Hammon Holiday Committee Benefit Dance

Supper begins at 5:30 pm. on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 at the Hammon Community Hall in Hammon, Okla. All proceeds will go for Christmas and New Year's Eve dances. From more information contact Ruby Standingwater at (580) 821-1867 or James Miles at (580) 515-0309.

Tonkawa Tribal Winter Business/Health Fair

Dec. 9, 2009. Deadline to reserve table space is by 4 p.m Thursday, Dec. 4, 2009. Invitation to health care providers, education programs, tribal programs and non-tribal businesses, casinos and employers. For more information or to reserve a booth call (580) 628-7029 or email evah@tonkawatribe.com.

Benefit powwow for "The Moving Wall"

Dec. 12, 2009 at the Oklahoma Street Gym in Anadarko, Okla. Gourd dancing at 1 p.m.. supper at 5 p.m. and social dancing to follow. All expo tribal princesses, veterans and veterans organizations invited. Sponsored by the American Indian Exposition. Donations can be mailed to the expo c/o Anadarko Bank and Trust, P.O. Box 667 Anadarko, OK 73005. The expo is a 501(C)(3) organization.

Caleb Shamon Panana 17th Birthday Dance

Supper begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Clinton, Okla.

SWOSU/CATC American Indian Club Handgame Tournament fundraiser

Begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Building in Watonga, Okla. Entry fee: $85. All donations will go towards "Christmas comfort baskets" to be donated to needy families this holiday season. For more information, call Michelle Bigfoot at (580) 816-0601.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Employee Committee Christmas Bazaar

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18, 2009 at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla. All vendors are welcome. For more information, call Annette Howell at (405) 422-7552.

Fourth annual Nawah/Numshins Christmas powwow

Dec. 19, 2009 at the Concho Community Hall. Gourd dancing at 2 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m. For more information, call Merle Bigmedicine at (405) 266-0002.

OKC powwow club New Years dance

Jan. 2, 2010 at the Oklahoma State Fair Grounds Centennial building (Kitchens bldg). Everyone welcome. Gourd dance 2-5 p.m., supper 5-6 p.m., gourd dance 6-7 p.m. and grand entry 7 p.m. Booth space $50, call Glenn Rollo at (405) 885-2569. For more information call Yonavea Hawkins at (405) 919-1572.

Comanche Little Ponies New Year's day powwow

Jan. 1, 2010 at the Grady County Fairgrounds in Chickasha, Okla. Cedar ceremony at noon, gourd dancing/specials 1-6 p.m., supper 6-7 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m. Vendor space available. For more information contact Lowell Nibbs at (580) 583-5279.

H.O.P.E. EVENTS

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University **(SWOSU)** Honoring Our Peoples Existence (**H.O.P.E.**) formally known as the Native American Club will have the following events:

December

2 - Presentation, Handgame Winter Activity 6:30-8:30 p.m.
9 - Gourd and Drum Stick Workshop 6:30-8:30 p.m.
9 - Making Posters for Handgame Tournament
12 - Handgame Tournament Fundraiser 1-6 p.m. Watonga, Okla.
14 - Club meeting 6:30 p.m.
20 - Community/Faith-base Services 10-11:30 a.m.
20 - Community/Faith-base Services 10-11:30 a.m.
23 - Christmas Comfort Basket presentation to the Indian Baptist Church of Weatherford

CONTACT OFFICERS: Michelle Bigfoot, president (580) 816-0601/ Brandon Norris, vice-president (580) 302-4395/ Loni PrairieCheif, secretary (580) 816-0461

Project Bright Futures

Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education envisions a future where Native American students excel in both math and science, which in doing so increases their achievement in school and widens student's post secondary educational opportunities.

The Department of Education will be partnering with the following faith based organizations to increase awareness of the Oklahoma's Promise Scholarship and the "Raising College Aspirations" our Bright Futures program is implementing.

Our faith based partners are dedicated to organizing parenting skills training that primarily focus on raising parent and student expectations for education and careers.

In addition, Bright Futures staff will work with students to set up Okcollegestart accounts.

This portal system is the states official higher education Web site for students, parents, and counselors.

Bacone College, Watonga Indian Baptist Church – Canton, El Reno Indian Baptist Church, All-Tribes Community Church/Geary, *All dates and times are TBA.

Students and parents can contact Marshall Medicine Bear for any questions. Medicine Bear, Native American advisor, can be reached via e-mail at mmedicinebear@c-a-tribes.org, or by telephone at (405) 422-7651.

elders

Continued from page 2

of the American War Mothers as their chaplain.

Eula Doonkeen, Seminole – In the 1960s, Doonkeen and her husband Al, matched funds for a building to house an urban Indian clinic in Oklahoma City. She helped write the by-laws and constitution for Urban OKC Indian Center, known as the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic. She served as president of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women and as southeast vice president of National Congress of American Indians. She was the first woman to serve as vice chief of the Seminole Nation and today is serving her second term as general council representative from her Mekvsukey Band of the Seminole Nation. A fluent speaker of the Seminole language, she was featured in Disney films, 'Squanto, Indian Warrior,' the saga 'North & South' and 'Lonesome Dove.'

Jerry Douglas, Delaware Tribe – has served the Delaware tribe for nearly 20 years and since 2006 has been chief. Under his leadership, federal recognition of the Delaware tribe was restored in August 2009. He has been a tribal representative on the Grand Gateway Board and is currently serving on the Education Committee, Economic Development Committee, and on the Claremore Indian Hospital Board.

Tewanna Edwards, Chickasaw - great-niece of Choctaw Code Talker Otis Leader has been an advocate for American Indian families as a Chickasaw Nation peacemaker within the Chickasaw Nation District Courts, advisory board chairperson of the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Club of Chickasha, member of the National Indian Education Association, Substance abuse counselor, Sunday school teacher, city manager, tribal princess pageant judge, gambling addiction counselor, published author, missionary, and public school Indian education volunteer. She was instrumental in the United States decision to honor Choctaw and Choctaw-Chickasaw Code Talkers in World War I.

Martha Bull Frog Ellis Edwards, Absentee Shawnee – fluently speaks her native language and is the second oldest member of the tribe. She was known for her turtle shell shaking at stomp dances. She attended Chilocco Indian School. She provided care and home for seven extended family members and one bed-ridden brother-in-law for over ten years.

Mary (Spooner) Ellis, Sac and Fox Nation - has been an active member of the Sac and Fox Veterans Women's Auxiliary since its beginnings in the 1950s. In her earlier days she was one of the tribe's traditional cooks, and is possibly one of the longest active/serving elders (42 years).

Chief Bill Follis, Modoc – respected tribal leader, Follis is chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, a member of the Board of Regents of Rogers State University, a member of the Board of Directors of the Claremore Indian Hospital and a member of the Northeast Inter-Tribal Council. He was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to a national task force of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Jacob Fixico, Kialegee Tribal Town - Leader and representative of Kialegee Tribal Town since 1989. He actively promotes culture and is known for his arts and crafts and beautiful beadwork. He has helped in community activities including distributing food to the needy.

Melinda Ann Gibson, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town - fluently speaks her native language, she has volunteered endless hours over the past 15 years as volunteer in the feeding program at the Fellowship of American Indians Church. Serving in the at-risk-area, she is a positive role model to thousands of children.

Lupe A. Gooday, Sr., Fort Sill Apache – Organized and established the annual Fort Sill Apache Celebration, which recently marked its 30th anniversary. He is a life-long member and participant of the Dance of the Mountain Spirits. In 2003, along with his grandsons, he re-established the Fort Sill Apache War Dance. Served as executive director of the Fort Sill Apache Housing Authority and established 15 homes. Served on the Fort Sill Apache Business Committee for nine years and has served as chairman of the Lawton Indian Hospital PHS Advisory Board for the past seven years.

Barbara Goodin, Comanche - has been an integral part of the organization that established the official Comanche alphabet, Comanche Language Dictionary and material to help Comanche's learn their native language. She and her husband Kenneth have been integral in preserving Comanche family history through their research.

George Elton Howell, Pawnee – upon retirement from the Indian Health Service, Howell returned to Pawnee where he was elected president of the Pawnee Nation. He encouraged revision of the tribal constitution for government stabilization, acquired state coverage benefits for tribal employees and has been instrumental in forging a cooperative relationship between the city of Pawnee and the Pawnee tribe.

Juanita Johnson, Kickapoo – A tireless advocate on behalf of Kickapoo elders, Johnson is interpreter and elder resource coordinator for the tribe. Fluent in the Kickapoo language, she interprets between the tribal member, the doctor and the patient's family when they are in the hospital and can often be found making home visits.

John Ketcher, Cherokee – a tireless community volunteer fluent in the Cherokee language, Ketcher worked ten years at Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan. resident director. In addition, he was director of student activities and resident living at Concho Indian School in El Reno. He has served on the Cherokee tribal council and was deputy principal chief of the Cherokee Nation for ten years.

Doris Jean Lamar McLemore, Wichita and Affliliated Tribes – the last living fluent speaker of the Wichita language, McLemore has been more than instrumental in helping to preserve the Wichita language. If not for her work with linguistics professor David Rood of the University of Colorado, the Wichita language would probably be lost.

Bill Mashunkashey, Osage – A World War II Army veteran who fought on Iwo Jima, Mashunkashey was an advisor on Indian Affairs to former Gov. David Hall. Elder of the Buffalo Clan, he is responsible for naming children. In 1988 he published his memoir titled *What is Down the Road for the American Indian*, in an effort to encourage Indians to look out in the world and become more self-sufficient.

Nadine Mayfield, Miami – respected elder, she served for more than 20 years as a member of the Grievance Committee and worked for federal recognition of the tribe. She was honored as elder princess of the Miami Nation powwow.

Florence Whitecrow Matthews, Quapaw – served on the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee from 1980 to1984 and has served on the committee since 1999. She is on the cultural committee and reaches out to help youth in many ways. Matthews holds a master's degree in education and retired from Haskell Indian Nations University.

William Nadeau, Citizen Potawatomi – his Potawatomi bloodline stems from three branches of his family tree: Nadeau, Plomodon and Bourbonais. A World War II veteran, he was a member of 22nd bomb group, 2nd squadron, working on Okinawa servicing B-24 bombers. After the war, he returned to farming, drove a school bus and eventually worked rebuilding aircraft parts at Tinker Air Force Base for 15 years. He is an esteemed Potawatomi elder and is recognized for his gentle spirit.

Ted Nesvold, Wyandotte – is recognized for his willingness to serve the Wyandotte people. He has served as commander of the Wyandotte Honor Guard since 1996 and as a member of the Powwow Committee since 1998. He also speaks about veterans issues.

Levi Orphan, Chickasaw/Choctaw - Orphan, spent over 37 years in the military and 27 years, as a civil servant at Tinker Air Force Base. After retiring, Orphan began an incredible new journey at age 58 when he became a wild land firefighter with the Chickasaw Agency Fire Management Team. Although he had no previous firefighting experience, he rose to the highest positions possible in the agency fighting numerous fires throughout the United States in the decade he spent with the Chickasaw team. He assisted in both the Hurricane Katrina disaster and Columbia Space Shuttle search and recovery efforts.

Don Patterson, Tonkawa – has a long history in powwow activities as both a dancer and singer. He has served many years in Tonkawa Tribal Business Committee, serving seven terms and as the Tonkawa tribal historian. He served as Tonkawa tribal president from 1997to 2003 and has served as president since 2008. He has been a road man in the Native American Church.

Norma Price, Choctaw – selected as 2009 Outstanding Choctaw Female Elder for Oklahoma, she was a teacher and coach before becoming a caseworker for Department of Health. Her community involvement includes 27 years of service to Durant Chapter of Salvation Army, the United Way Board of Directors in Bryan County; a Founding Board member of Crisis Control Center for domestic abuse victims; organized the Bryan County Community Services Program as resources referral center and is currently serving as a volunteer for the AARP tax-aide program.

Lucy Belle Schultz, Chickasaw – the only woman to serve as mayor of Pryor Creek, she was instrumental in Pryor becoming a "certified city," which enabled it to obtain opportunity for community development. Through her support of the Thunderbird Institute, numerous Academy Cadets shadowed her to receive first hand knowledge of the responsibilities of public officials and an insight to public office. For over 25 years she has been a volunteer for local and state organizations and was instrumental in helping secure funding to build the new Senior Center in Pryor.

Dr. Lahoma Schultz, Ph.d, Creek and Seminole – humanitarian, author, lecturer and psychologist. She works with the Ponca tribe and previously worked with the U.S. Veteran's Administration, counseling soldiers returning from Afghanistan and Iraq, and Vietnam veterans. She is an advocate for children and adults with disabilities. She was recognized by the National Association of Multi-Cultural Rehabilitation Counselors with their national award for "Outstanding Chapter President." In 2009, she was recognized by NSU as one of their "Centurions" and as the first recipient of the "Distinguished Native American Alumni" award.

Mae Sine, Iowa – The Ioway traditional, spiritual and cultural values instilled in her early life have provided points of reference, balance and harmony in the Iowa way of life. She has served five terms on the Iowa Tribe Business Committee and was an active participant in strategic planning that led to development of educational, health, cultural and tribal assistance programs. In 1977, she assisted her father in preparing his Ioway language classes and booklet titled, *Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Language*.

Leo Smallwood, Choctaw – named 2009 Outstanding Choctaw Male Elder for Oklahoma, Smallwood was a teacher basketball coach and principal for 38 years. Smallwood was selected by the Oklahoma Retired Educators' Association as the Very Important Member (VIM) in 2001, and was inducted in the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame in July 2009. All six children, their spouses and 12 grandchildren are teachers.

Wayne Smith, Seneca-Cayuga – known affectionately as "Uncle Wayne," he is elder of the tribe. A full blood Seneca Cayuga, he is past chief and lives on his family's original allotment near Wyandotte. He is very supportive of the Green Corn Feast and tribal ceremonies. His input is widely respected in tribal affairs. A veteran of World War II, he and his shipmates were honored for their role in liberation of the Philippines.

Hickory Starr, Cherokee – has spent more than 30 years working in Indian Health Care. He presently serves as director of the Lawton Indian Hospital and previously was interim director of Indian Health Services for Oklahoma and parts of Kansas and Texas.

Wanda Stone, Kaw – former chairperson of the Kaw Nation and a member of the Business Council for 16 years. Stone is now chairman of the Kaw Enterprise Development Authority. She also serves as a commissioner on the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

Native Notables

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Sitting are Dani Fox and Jennifer Leonard, head softball coach. Standing l-r are Lacy Darity, Kerri Newcomb, Adam Fox, Dylan Fox, Connie Fox, Travis Murie and Jeff Roberts

Dani Fox, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member and Yukon High School senior in Yukon, Okla. accepts a softball scholarship to Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.

On Nov. 16, 2009 Fox signed the letter of intent surrounded by her family and Yukon High School coaches in the Yukon High School gym.

WANTED
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN GOOD$
Pawn * Buy * Sell * Trade
Dean's Drive-Thru Pawn Shop
2617 S. Robinson-OKC, OK
www.deanspawn.com
405.239.2774

James Squirrel, Shawnee – In 1869, the federal government caused the former Kansas Shawnees and the Cherokee nation to enter into an agreement whereby they received allotments and citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Squirrel, a former chairman of the Shawnees, was instrumental in the federal government's recognition of the Shawnee tribe as a sovereign nation in 2000. He has been a ceremonial singer for 35 years.

George Phillip Tiger, Creek – a full blood Creek, he has served on the Board of Regents of Haskell Indian Nations University at Lawrence, Kan. for 20 years and on the Creek Nation Tribal Council for 12 years. He also has served as chairman of the United Indian Nation for Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas; For 27 years, he has been a television executive with KOTV and KTUL in Tulsa where he has been honored for outstanding public relations for the American Indian on television and radio in Tulsa.

Vernon Tsoodle – Kiowa, After a long and distinguished career in the Marine Corps, during which he served two tours in Korea, earning a Bronze Star for Valor, and two tours in Vietnam, he went on to work for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He was a founding member of the Native American Marine Corps Association, an association that embraces members of all tribes who have served in the Corps. In 2007, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame and was recently inducted into the Chilocco Indian Agricultural School Hall of Fame.

Barbara Warner, Ponca – first female executive director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. She was selected as the Outstanding Indian of the Year by the American Indian Exposition in 1997 and received the Oklahoma State Service Award during the annual Native American Heritage Day Celebration in 2008. She is a noted national leader on Indian issues and currently serves as a member of the Governors' Interstate Indian Council Board of Directors – the national organization for Indian affairs offices.

Modina Waters (Toppah/Yellowhair), Kiowa - former vice-chairman of the Kiowa tribe of Oklahoma, her professional career spans over 20 years with the Indian Health Service. She was the primary grant petitioner with the Shakopee Sioux Community in Minnesota. Her involvement in this grant as a private citizen led to the Kiowa tribe receiving a grant of one million dollars to purchase Indian City, U.S.A. Waters has served on numerous boards throughout Indian Country and Oklahoma with emphasis in community service and health related issues. As a member of the Kiowa Gourd Clan's War Mother's Society, she is an advocate for U.S. Veterans and the cultural life ways of the Kiowa people. She is the great-great granddaughter of 1867 Kiowa Treaty Chief Tdohasan.

Chief Glenna Wallace, Eastern Shawnee – the first woman elected chief of the Eastern Shawnees in 2006. She has been a member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Business Committee for 18 years. She has spent nearly 40 years working in higher education at Crowder College in Neosho, Mo. Wallace was named 2007 Woman Tribal Leader of the Year by Engage Life Program and as one of the Ten Most Influential Woman in the Tri-State Region in 2007. She was the Eastern Shawnee Senior Princess in 2006 and has a long history of civic and community involvement.

Chief George Wickliffe, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee – Under the leadership of Wickliffe, quality of life for older Keetoowah Cherokees has vastly improved. From stipulating that tribal auto tags bear the logo "Honoring Our Elders," to implementing a program that provides a biannual stipend for older tribal members, to establishing nutrition sites, providing air conditioners and fans during the summer and propane and funds for utilities in the winter, initiating water and sewage in the homes of elderly and an eyeglasses and dentures program, Wickliffe emphasizes that the elderly are the most valuable asset within the tribe.

Evangeline Wilson, Choctaw – first president of the Choctaw Code Talkers Association, she taught at Shiprock, N.M. on the Navajo Reservation and Chilocco Indian School. She was a guidance counselor and caseworker at Concho Indian School and is very active in volunteer work.

Tarpie Yargee, Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town – Yargee has been instrumental in economic development for the tribe. He has served as second chief twice and is currently serving his second term as chief. He is noted for his kind heart and devotion to tribal elders.

leaders

Continued from page 1

offended and oppressed the people to the extent that the tribes, on the whole, have been subjected to a realistic threat of irreversible harm," and "The people are unwilling to permit Darrell Flyingman to have an opportunity to destroy records of information, which belong to the people as he prepares to exit the Office of the Governor; and tribal employees fear unwarranted terminations and instability following Flyingman's loss in the general election."

The order also states that the governor, "has exploited the economic success of the tribes' in conjunction with his abuses of power, in order to commission the corruption within our judicial system and to influence the decisions of our courts …" Five out of the eight tribal legislators signed the order.

The tribe's general election, held on Nov. 3, 2009, named Janice Boswell and Leslie Wandrie-Harjo as the tribes new governor and lieutenant governor, respectively. (See official results on p. 11).

Also received on Nov. 16, 2009 via global e-mail from the tribes finance controller Gary Baker was a court order, case no: CNA-CIV-2009-0118, stating that, "Ms. Dorsett purported to convene a special session of the legislature without lawful authority and the tribes BIA-approved constitution is the supreme law of the land. The order also states that, "Ms. Dorsett is no longer an official of the tribes since November 13, 2009 and lacks any official tribal power to act," and "Darrell Flyingman remains the governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes until an orderly transition of the office occurs on the first Saturday of January, to wit: January 2, 2010." The order does not state why Dorsett was relieved of her duties. The tribes' Chief Judge Bob A. Smith signed the order.

Smith was to be removed from his office in the tribes' courthouse at the beginning of the week of Nov. 16, 2009 by the traditional leaders, however according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Smith left on his own accord before protestors arrived.

Dorsett previously filed a petition for an ex-parte temporary emergency injunction on Oct. 20, 2009, via Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Trial Court Case No. CIV-2009-0108. The court document asked for a temporary emergency injunction on the election commission so general election ballots would not be mailed until the court made a decision on what an "accredited school" is. The interpretation was sought because the plaintiff, Dorsett, questioned the election commission as to whether then lieutenant governor candidate Nelson Clark actually possesses a degree from an accredited university. The judgment of the Supreme Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes was issued on Nov. 2, 2009 via Case No. SC-2009-0024. The judgment ruled that Dorsett did not file a written challenge prior to the July 15, 2009 deadline to challenge the eligibility of a candidate via the tribes' constitution Article 9 Section 8A. The court document did not define an accredited school.

Dorsett filed for a rehearing for questions addressed in her original Case No. CIV-2009-0108, and received a response from the court on Nov. 12, 2009, stating, "Plaintiffs petition for rehearing dated Nov. 9, 2009 is DENIED. Case No. SC-2009-0024 is CLOSED. The court clerk is directed to accept no further filings in this case."

On Nov. 17, 2009 the executive staff found that the locks on their doors were changed, protestors were at the tribal complex and a couple of traditional leaders were seated outside the governor's office.

"We have laws that are older than the constitution," Chester Whiteman, Tribal Council Sergeant of Arms, said in an interview with the Oklahoman on Nov. 19, 2009 during a protest demonstration. "We are tired of this corruption. Darrell Flyingman made a statement a couple of years ago that if the people didn't want him then he would leave. Well, we don't want him."

Approximately, two-dozen protestors have set up five teepees across from the tribal complex, next to the Native American Church, in Concho, Okla. The BIA police have been stationed at the tribal headquarters since Nov. 16, 2009. Two BIA remote vans are located in the tribe's community center parking lot, and additional police units have also been on hand throughout the week of Nov. 16, 2009 from the Comanche, Chickasaw, and Cherokee Nations, Highway patrol, and the El Reno prison riot squad.

Pat Ragsdale, BIA Office of Justice Services deputy director asked Flyingman not to return to work at the beginning of the week of Nov. 16, 2009 since tempers were high and for fear of a riot.

Tribal employees were granted administration leave Nov. 19 and 20, 2009 before noon from Kaulaity, the acting Department of Administration executive director. One of her memo's stated, "It has come to my attention that there are employees who are feeling uncomfortable with the current events happening here on the Concho reserve." The tribes Concho Child Care center was also closed on Nov. 20, 2009, "for the safety and well being of the Concho Child Care children."

Flyingman and his five executive office employees have since returned to work, and the BIA police are now visible within the tribal complex, versus being parked across the road from the tribal complex.

Flyingman has released an official statement regarding the "current governmental situation"

See leaders, page 11

U.S.D.A. Native American Outreach internship opportunity

The United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service has an opportunity for college students who are interested in paid (part-time 10-20 hours per week) internships or unpaid internships (full-time or part-time, 10-40 hours per week).

The agency is located at 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, convenient to the Metro (Smithsonian station).

The agency provides financing for rural communities in the form of loans and grants for telecommunications systems, including funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The position will be assisting the ARRA team with outreach to tribal nations for the RUS' Broadband Initiatives Program.

Students who are interested in federal government outreach to tribal nations will assist the ARRA team in outreach to other government agencies, public relations experts, and tribal members to promote and encourage participation in the ARRA's Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP).

Public affairs, communications, political science and American Indian studies majors (undergraduates, graduates and law students) are encouraged to apply.

The educational level achieved at the time of application determines wages.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Email resume to Kathie.Klass@wdc.usda.gov and include the number of semester hours completed and the number of hours per week desired, indicating paid or unpaid.

National Native American Youth Initiative scholarship

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications for the 13th annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative, which will be held June 19 - 27, 2010 on the George Washington University campus in Washington D.C. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students, ages 16- 18, who have an interest in the health field and/or biomedical research are encouraged to apply.

Selected high school students will receive a scholarship that covers their airfare, lodging, and most meals during the NNAYI program. NNAYI's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare high school students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research. AAIP is also recruiting adults, ages 21 and older, to serve as role models and chaperones to AI/AN high school students during the NNAYI program. Selected individuals will arrive in Washington D.C, on Friday, June 18, 2010 for a training and to prepare for high school students arrival. AAIP will cover airfare, lodging, meals, and a stipend will be provided upon completion of the program.

Student application deadline is April 16, 2010. Applicants will be notified of the selection results during the week of May 10, 2010. Counselor application deadline is March 5, 2010. Applicants will be notified of the selection results by March 31, 2010.

For more information and to access the online applications, visit the AAIP student Web site: http://www.aaip.org/?page=AAIPStudents

Student artist sought for competition

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education is excited the 2010 Native American Student Artist Competition (SAC) is underway! They want to remind everyone that all artwork and essays must be postmarked by Friday, Jan. 29, 2010.

Below is an overview of the type of information found on the Web site.

Instructions for entering the SAC – Everything anyone needs to know to enter the competition is in one convenient place.

For instructions, rules, and forms, check out the 2010 SAC instructions on the following Web page: http://kids.indianeducation.org/index.cfm?page=SAC_instructions.html.

SAC registration – All students are required to register their entry online or call the toll-free number (866) 259-0060 to register.

Previous winners – Check out the Art Gallery and Essay Collection to view winners from the competition's previous years.

Art and writing tips – Need some help getting started on an essay? Ever wonder how to keep colors from bleeding when working with watercolors?

Visit the Art Tips section of the Web site for these topics and much more.

Exhibit – The 2009 exhibit is still traveling around the country to schools, museums, and galleries. To find a location, check out the exhibit schedule.

Anyone interested in hosting the 2010 exhibit or for more information, contact Rayanne Ganuelas at sac@indianeducation.org or call toll-free (866) 259-0060.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Continued from page 5

can students in general do not read anything outside the classroom.

We recommend that students start in their sophomore year taking the PACT or the PSAT, and that they take it several times as juniors and several times as seniors. CTD will pay for the costs of these tests. Just send us an e-mail with the facts (your name and address, where you attend high school, class level, the cost of the test, when it will be given, what you got on a previous test, what your GPA is, what your intended major is, where you plan to attend college, your tribe and blood quantum, what you plan to do to improve your test scores, the reason you need assistance with paying for the ACT or the SAT, and the amount needed.). If it is a repeat test, tell us what you are doing to improve your score.

There are basically five things students can do to improve their scores. They can start to read books, and they can cram for the test. They can retake the test. They can take one of the test preparation courses if they can afford it. As an alternative, Kaplan, Princeton, and other cramming/self-study courses are available, and we have found that most high school libraries have one or more of these courses available. They can take college prep courses in high school if they are juniors or below.

We know that students who have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, and who usually score a 20 instead of a 25, can improve their scores considerably. We have had students to go from 27 (83rd percentile) to 32 (99th percentile) in four attempts. The cramming, the stress, the strain, and the work involved will pay off when you win lots of scholarships and get into the college of your choice.

Many Native American students do not read at all outside the classroom. We have published a book called "Reading for College." We will be glad to make any chapter in the book available to students, parents, counselors, and teachers for student use, at no charge. All we need is an e-mail address or an address to send it to you. Give us some indication of what you are interested in (history, general science, classics, aviation, biography, Native American Literature, etc.) And please ask your librarian to order the book for your use.

To summarize how we can help, CTD can pay for (1) your travel to the nearest college library if your high school does not have a set of directories, (2) your cost for taking the ACT or SAT if you cannot afford it and (3) your admissions charges to college applications if you cannot afford it. We will also review your list of scholarships and tell you if your search has been adequate or not. And we will help you with your essay. Send it to me at CTD4DeanChavers@aol.com for a critique.

RECOMMENDATION: Do not pay anyone to help you with any part of this process. Do not pay an online service to find scholarships for you; do it yourself. Do not pay anyone to help you write your essay; CTD will help you free of charge, and we are the best there is.

RECOMMENDATION: Do not throw away a scholarship if you miss the deadline. You may be able to apply for it next year. Unless it says "for high school seniors only," you can apply later. Students who don't know about scholarships until their junior year in college can still be successful in winning a significant number of them.

RECOMMENDATION: Develop a resume as soon as you start your senior year in high school, or earlier. If you need help, get it from your high school English teacher or counselor, or from us.

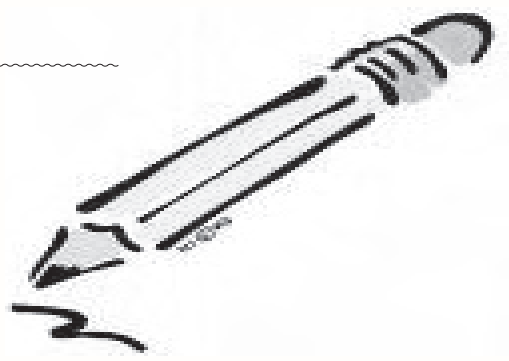
RECOMMENDATION: Always convert your raw scores into percentiles or Normal Curve Equivalents (NCE's). Almost no one knows where a 25 on the ACT or a 1200 on the SAT falls on the 1-99 scale, but almost everyone will know the difference between the 45th percentile and the 85th.

RECOMMENDATION: Start taking the ACT or the SAT in the fall of your sophomore year. If you cannot pay for it, CTD will pay for it. Take it four times as a junior and four times as a senior or until you score a 32 or higher—whichever comes first.

RECOMMENDATION: Start reading heavily immediately! Start today and keep it up for life. In college you will be required to read five to ten books per week. If you are not doing this already, you will be in danger of being totally lost in college. We do not want you to become a statistic.

RECOMMENDATION: Send us your list of keywords before you run Fastweb so we can tell you if we think it is adequate or not.

RECOMMENDATION: Send us your list of scholarships once you have cleaned them up. It will really help if you send them by the Internet. Put your Internet, directory, university, and community scholarships into one database and send that along. We will tell you if your search has been adequate.



college counselors put you in classes that are too advanced for you. The typical Native American student has not taken geometry, trigonometry and calculus. If you have not taken them, you should be placed in college algebra and trig first, provided you have had at least two years of algebra in high school. If you have had only one year of algebra, you will need to take basic algebra in college before you enroll in college algebra and trig.

RECOMMENDATION: If you are an Advanced Placement student, and you have a weighted GPA, give both your weighted GPA and your un-weighted GPA (on a scale of 1.0 to 4.0).

RECOMMENDATION: Contact Dean Chavers or Mary Frost at CTD with any questions, at any time. Feel free to call Dean on his cell phone between 8 a.m. Albuquerque time and midnight.

Catching the Dream
[NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND]
8200 Mountain Road, NE, Suite 203
Albuquerque NM 87110
Phone (505) 262-2352, Fax (505) 262-0534, Cell (505) 553-8435
www.catchingthedream.org
CTD4DeanChavers@aol.com
Mary Frost: Nscholarsh@aol.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday
Ashley Keith-Dec. 12
From all your friends at
Clinton head start

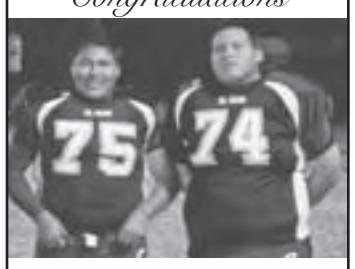
Happy Birthday
Danielle Blackwolf Redbird
from James Red Bird
Love you always

Happy Birthday
Ellisa Barthollbi-Dec. 29
From all your friends at
Clinton head start

Happy Birthday Mr. Kaleb-lil' grasshopper-Nov. 21. Wishing you the best on you day. Watch over our lil lady bug, big bro! Love you always, momma Stormy, Regi, and the Keaton, Cole and Powell families. Love you daddy! RC

Happy Birthday Tyler Ilahnee Marshall Nov. 22, 2002
We love you from the Marshall, Youngbull, Bighorse and Stoneroad families.

Congratulations



To my son and little brother, I am so proud of both of you for making it to the state playoffs! I know that you will go all the way and I hope you take time to enjoy all the wonderful things that are happening in you lives right now! Your family is so proud of you and we will be there behind you, for whatever you choose to do next! Keep your heads up, keep trying your hardest and remember that you are loved! This is an exciting time in your season and in your lives and we are all honored to be a part of it! We love you and wish you the best of luck in the playoffs and in life! GO INDIANS! TAKE STATE! Much love, your mom and big sis!

Happy Birthday to Teresa Rice in Thomas, Okla. May you have many more wonderful birthdays to come. From your good friend Vincent Parker

Happy Belated 7th Birthday
Chrystina Marie-Oct. 29
I miss you and love you will my heart and soul
Love, mom GNA

Kevin Birdshead-Nov. 12 and Todd Blackwolf-Nov. 17
*I want to wish you both a *Happy Birthday**
Love, Auntie Danielle

Happy Birthday
Hannah George-Dec. 12
From all your friends at
Clinton head start

Happy Belated Birthdays
Morning Dove Quezada
Sept. 18
Marion R. Redbird-Sept. 16
and
Happy 4th Birthday to our princess Elena Marie Quezada Dec. 1-We love you so much and wish you many more to come. From the Quezada and Redbird families

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the new Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Blackowl, Jr.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 4, 2009.

Lauren Danielle Blackowl is the daughter of Wannie Whiteshield and Lawrence Sittingbear of Weatherford, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Ercel-Lou White Shield and Sherman Smoker of Thomas, Okla., David White Shield of Watonga, Okla., Caroline Flood and the late Leon Sittingbear of Denver, Colo.

Lauren has three sisters, Sara, Tiffani and Anna and three brothers, George, Benji and Robert.

William Edward Blackowl, Jr. is the son of William Blackowl, Sr. and the late LaQuita BlackOwl of El Reno, Okla. and the grandson of Sidona Blackowl also of El Reno and the late Ida Burns of Clinton, Okla.

William has one sister, Amber.

They are the proud parents of Gertrude Sara Elias, 3, Nellie Jean Maddisson, 1 and LaQuita Ercel Lou, 4 months.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Happy 11th Belated Birthday
Bless StandingOut Redbird
Oct. 19
We love you and miss you so much! Love the Redbird family

Happy Birthday
Nov. 20
Ethan Henry Redbird
Love always from the Redbird Family

Happy 3rd Birthday
Gertrude Sara Elias Akeen
Dec. 7
You touched my life in so many ways, I owe all my accomplishments to you. You showed me that I have to keep hanging on and giving up is never an option. As you continue to grow I see you laugh, smile, talk and play and it makes it all the more hard to believe that it's been three years since you came into my life. You truly are my God sent angel. I love you forever and always-Mommy

Happy 7th Birthday
Sam Standingwater
We Love you Spikey
Love you little brothers Rocky, Gabriel, and Landon

Happy Birthday
Tobias Isaiah Marshall
Nov. 22, 1997
We love you from the Marshall, Youngbull, Bighorse and Stoneroad families

Congratulations

Inroducing Our Angel La Quita Ercel-Lou Black Owl

She was born July 24, 2009 and weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz. and was 19.75 inches long.

Proud parents are William and Lauren Blackowl, Jr. Grandparents are Wannie Whiteshield, Lawrence Sittingbear, William and the late La Quita Blackowl, Sr. Great-grandparents are Ercel Lou Whiteshild, Sherman Smoker, David Whiteshild and Sidona

La Quita has two sisters, Gertrude-Sara, 3, and Nellie Jean, 1. Her aunties are Amber Sandy, Tiffani Sittingbear and Sara Whiteshild. Her uncles are George, Benji and Robert La Quita is named after her paternal grandmother, La Quita, who is passed away and Ercel-Lou Blackowl. We are very happy to share this announcement with you and we feel very blessed that our daughters are here safe and sound. Living life under the good Lord's wing and having three beautiful girls to share our lives with makes everyday just that much more better for Will and myself.

Happy 22nd Birthday shout out to Chale Littlesun Dec. 2 in Washington State Love your sisters, brothers, neices, nephews, grandma, Mom and Frank. Son you have made me so proud of you. You take real good care of your two exciting children. We love you all.

Happy First Birthday Cordell "Lil' Man" Ellis we love you! Love Mommy, Daddy, auntie Rissa, uncle Corey, uncle Shayaa, auntie Stehphanie, auntie Manda, uncle Montel, JR., Ms. Rita, and Darian

Happy 8th Birthday
James Levi-Dec. 15
Love you family

Happy Birthday
Mykel Ford-Dec. 28
From all your friends at
Clinton head start

We love you so much! mom, Madi, grandma Nae, Pebbles, Jean, Jayci, Joshua, Jacen, Rick and uncle Ribbies, Leslie, and Ross

Happy Birthday to my auntie-big sister (punks) Rhoda Glenmore in Montana. Enjoy your day Dec 6. Love you always Denise and family.

Happy Birthday Chaleina Vawnelle Littlesun Me'noveoo'e (Stands Bad Woman)-Dec. 1
We all love you and wish you a happy 18th birthday from the Oklahoma Sooner bunch; the Washington Crew and the Montana Cheyennes.

Happy Birthday to my brother
Daniel Parrish Blackwolf
Wish I could have spent it with you. Love you,
your twin Danielle

Happy Birthday
Jayme Williams-Dec. 6
From all your friends at
Clinton head start

Happy Birthday
Paula Harjo Laster,
who is a hard working lady that doesn't require a hard hat!
From the RCP Crew!

Dustin Storm Vann
Happy 10th Birthday-Dec. 8
I love you my little Rabbit-Mom

Happy Holidays to Shaylin, Richard, Delanie and Levi Pedro and an extended Happy Holidays to Vanessa, Bubba, Anthony, Truman and their children. Also, to our beloved sister Marissa's children, Amya and Amir. Love to you all, mom, sister and aunt Melissa.

Happy Belated Birthday
Joey Quanah
I am so proud of you, keep up the good work.
I miss you and love you with all my heart and soul
Love mom GNA

Happy Birthday Rey-Rey! We love you princess-Love mom, dad, meno, David, Chy-Chy, and Shi Din De

Submitted information

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Pvt. Adam Chebon Bigmedicine, U.S.M.C., successfully completed 13 weeks of boot camp training and was honored at a graduation ceremony on Oct. 30, 2009.

After ten days of leave, Bigmedicine reported to Camp Pendleton in San Diego, Calif., where he will spend 28 days in the Marine Combat Skill Training course.

Following the training he will report to Pensacola Bay, Fla. to begin training as an aviation mechanic.

Bigmedicine is the son of Lisa Bigmedicine and grandson of Joann Surveyor Bigmedicine and the late Clifton Bigmedicine.

Family members and friends extend best wishes and prayers for Bigmedicine.

Clinton and Blossom Young Bear-1975

To my parents who went home, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton and Blossom Young Bear

I am thankful for having a mom and dad who were awesome, outstanding, kind, thoughtful, wise, outgoing, fun loving and keen parents.

The Great Spirit knew he was going to take you both back home before my time. Therefore he made sure I had a lot of siblings, relatives and friends, to keep me going. Still to this day, my aunties, uncles and friends, have been keeping my siblings and me, in their prayers. Oh yeah, lets not to forget, in check too! I'm very thankful for having them in my life and may the Great Spirit bless them for prayers.

This time of year, with the holidays approaching, I start to feel lost and lonesome. When I get to feeling this way, I go to the Great Spirit in prayer and remember those loving memories we shared. The memories are like watching a beautiful sunset from top of a mountain. To see the beauty of Mother Earth's sunset shining on and above the horizon, with radiant colors of rays throughout the evenings blue sky, reminds me of the love you had for the people and us.

Mom and Dad, I love and miss you. Your memories will live on through your decedents' and to all those you've touched. I am truly thankful and grateful to the Great Spirit for blessing me with parents like you!

Written by your loving daughter Millie Young Bear

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: awhite@c-a-tribes.org

Carpenter
Economic Development

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must have knowledge of machines and tools, including their uses, repair and maintenance. Must have knowledge of construction materials. Ability to accept immediate employment and have a stable work history. Dependable and conscientious. High school diploma or GED certificate required. Must be able to pass pre-hire drug screening. Possess Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Compliance Officer
Gaming Commission

QUALIFICATIONS:

Perform various assignments relative to the area of casino regulation and control in order to implement, administer and enforce the Cheyenne Arapaho Gaming Commission Regulations, Tribal Internal Controls (TICS) and the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribal Ordinances to promote the safety, security and integrity of tribal casino gaming. High school diploma or equivalent required. Regulatory, law enforcement or equivalent experience is desirable.

SALARY: Negotiable

Coordinator
Correctional Facilities Project

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledgeable of federal grant and contract requirements. A minimum of five years experience in tribal programs. Minimum of an associate's degree preferred. Knowledge of tribal law enforcement and court systems Oklahoma driver's license and must pass pre-hire drug screening.

SALARY: Negotiable

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
(405) 262-0345 /
(800) 247-4612

Economic/Enterprise
Development Director

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in business and/or engineering required. Ten years of experience of related work experience in business and technical management, business development, finance, economic development, and retail, commercial, and/or industrial development. Strong people and project management skills. Demonstrated ability to effectively implement new technology and/or business processes. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills and supervisor presentation skills. Must be familiar with the historical service area of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. Must pass a drug test and be willing to travel on local and out-of-state business. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Joslyn K. Jones birthday hand game winners

Submitted article

Ten teams registered in the hand game tournament: All Nighterz, Dip City, Sooner Nation, Dirty Lips, Red Thunder, Camp 7, Challengers, South Side, The CREW, and Magic. First place/ $300 cash - Challengers, Second place/ $200 cash - South Side, Third place/$100 cash - Magic.

Winner of the most patriotic clothing attire $50 cash - Rena Youngbear of Geary, Okla.

The grand prize winners of the flat screen TV and XBox Guitar Hero was drawn by the birthday girl Joslyn K. Jones. TV winner - Kim Rhoads of Hammon, Okla. XBox game winner - Mary McCord of Geary, Okla.

The family of Joslyn K. Jones would like to thank everyone for attending this happy event of fellowship, laughter, excitement, and fun. The best of the best were there to show their stuff. God Bless!

Laura Jones, Bill and Lydia West, Autumn Eneremadu, and Charles Jones

In Loving Memory

John Douglas Whiteshirt
June 9, 1927-Nov. 15, 2009

Wake services for John D. Whiteshirt were held Nov. 16 and 17, 2009 conducted by the Otoe-Missouria tribes and Pawnee Nation at the Women's Building in Pawnee, Okla. A peyote meeting was also held on Nov. 17, 2009.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18, 2009 also in Pawnee, Okla. Funeral services were provided by Poteet's Funeral Home.

Whiteshirt was buried at the Highland Cemetery in Pawnee, Okla.

Thank You

The Hill family would like to say thank you to all who helped us during the recent passing of our mother/daughter/sister/auntie Janelle Sherita Hill. Our deepest appreciation extended to the following :El Reno Indian Baptist Church, Rev. Straka, Rev. George Akeen, Rev. Joann Williams and to Ernestine Whitebird and the ladies at the church. The Ponca tribe and The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. Richard Williams, Henrietta Mann, Gordon Yellowman, Robert Wilson, Alan Fletcher, Micki Black, Bobbie Ann Hamilton, Wanda Whiteman, Gail Williams, Ann Jean Williams, Billy Williamson, Beachler's Deli, McDonalds of Yukon, Vicki's C-store, Catholic Charities of Oklahoma, El Reno Public Schools and Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Ah-Ho, The Hill Family
Barbara, Mahlon, Bat,Mari, Theo, Mary, Raymond and Brandon

Thank You

We danced, we exercised, and we feasted.

This year's elders conference was very successful and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes diabetes wellness program would like to thank the following programs and businesses for their support, donations, and presentations.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho health board, executive office, crisis assistance, economic development, enrollment, REACH, indian child welfare, higher education, elder care, RESpECT, and the community health representatives.

In addition we would like to thank the Independent Living Center of Clinton, Geary Nursing Home, Association of American Indian Physicians, Juice Plus, Cheyenne and Arapaho color guard, Minita Runningwater, Cheyenne and Arapaho's department of health, Mary Beth Wrenn, PHN Clinton Indian Health Service Unit, Charlene Wassana, RN BSN triage nurse, Clinton Indian Health Service Unit, Patricia Yarholar, the Cheyenne and Arapaho health education, Dara Thorpe, Behavior Health Service, Kickapoo tribe, Cassandra Thompson, Creek Nation, Kathleen Tall Bear, Cheyenne and Arapaho adult education program, Joyce Twins and Donna Rush, Cheyenne and Arapaho language, Janette Phillips, Geary Nursing Home, Tammy Harris, Encompass Home Health, Bill Tallbear, Advance Home Health and DAVITA.

Diabetes Wellness staff

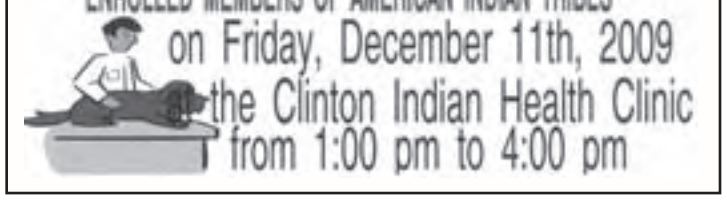
U.S. CENSUS NEEDS PEOPLE TO FILL JOBS

The U S Census Bureau will hire thousands of people throughout the Kansas City Region for the six states of Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas between now and spring 2010.

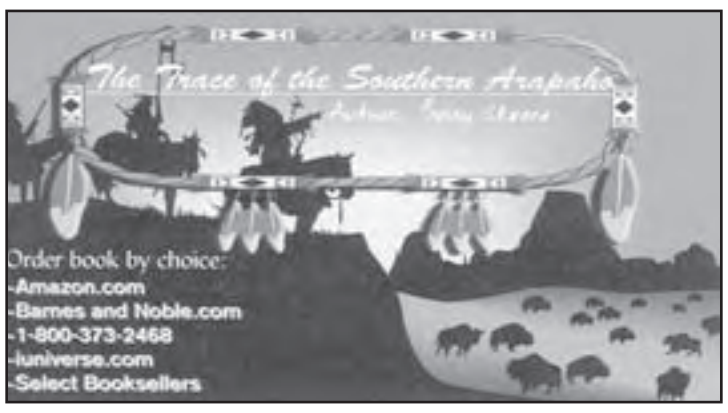
Pay ranges from $11.50 to $20 per hour plus mileage for the field positions of recruiting assistants, crew leaders, crew leader assistants and census takers. Pay for Census Clerks range from $7.50 to $12.75 per hour depending on location. Opportunities for advancement.

If interested call the U. S. Census Bureau at (866) 861-2010.

TRIBAL TRIBUNE DEADLINES
At **5 p.m.**
on the **8th** and **23rd**
of each month



A.A meetings 7 p.m.-Every Wednesday
N.A. meetings 7 p.m.-Every Thursday
George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center
East of Clinton on Airport Road.
For more information (580) 331-2370



leaders

Continued from page 9

and it is provided here in its entirety and unedited: "In regards and response to the escalating situation with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, it is the Official Stance of the Department of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the Constitution was voted in by the people of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, recognized by the Department of the Interior, and as such is recognized by the BIA. The Bureau of Indian Affairs recognizes Darrell Flyingman as the duly elected Governor until January 2, 2010 until Ms. Boswell is sworn in to take office per the Constitution. This is four weeks from now.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has NOT "taken over" violated or in any other manner taken the "CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO HEADQUARTERS UNDER SIEGE" This is false information.

BIA law enforcement is currently on the premises to see to the fact that all Tribal Employees are able to complete their jobs on a day to day basis without being hindered, or intimidated by the current protestors. They are also there to ensure that no violence will ensue. People will only be arrested if they violate the law.

The legislators have no authority to disrupt the business of the Tribes in such a manner. There is a process to be followed which is out lined in the Constitution. As for the allegations against me, all programs have been extensively audited by NIGC and no wrong doing has been found on my part in fact it was several legislatures which were found to have embezzled money from our Tribes. "These very protesters are ones who have currently pending or have had in the past charges against them."

"In the mean time all tribal operations will continue to function as normal and the transition from one administration to the other will be as smooth as possible. Any violence will only hurt the reputation and stability that has been established over the course of the previous years. I would hope that this faction would realize this."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Tribal Tribune staff faced some opposition from various people, including a warning to be physically removed from the tribal complex for covering the protest, during our duty to bring you both sides of these unfolding and historical events. Intimidation isn't a stranger to this profession, however we're strong opponents against censorship, and we felt tribal members should be aware of both sides of the story that is unfolding at their tribal headquarters and the court documents that arose from the actions of tribal members on both sides. Part of our job is to help document events, laws and actions that affect tribal members and employees in an unbiased and fair manner. We appreciate your understanding.

For Sale

20 pairs
of moccasins
Soled with real hide
Call Tina Orange
(580) 445-0539

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

2009 GENERAL ELECTION

November 3, 2009 TABULATED November 12, 2009

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

GOVERNOR / LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	CONCHO	GEARY	KINGFISHER	HAMMON	ELK CITY	CANTON	SEILING	WATONGA	CLINTON	WEATHERFORD	THOMAS	LONGDALE	ABSENTEE	Absentee Hand Tallys	TOTALS	%
JANICE BOSWELL / LESLIE WANDRIE	262	83	44	65	32	48	41	48	88	58	17	18	359	6	1169	56.97%
DARRELL FLYINGMAN / NELSON CLARK	137	48	11	29	25	26	10	44	107	37	11	5	383	9	883	43.03%

CHEYENNE DISTRICT TWO LEGISLATOR	CONCHO	GEARY	KINGFISHER	ABSENTEE	Absentee Hand Tallys	TOTALS	%
CLIFTON ELLIS	119	8	13	105	4	249	51.02%
ROLLIN E. HAMILTON	107	18	34	79	1	239	48.98%

CHEYENNE DISTRICT FOUR LEGISLATOR	HAMMON	ELK CITY	ABSENTEE	Absentee Hand Tallys	TOTALS	%
PETE SALINAS	9	25	15	0	49	27.22%
FIONA WHITESKUNK	77	16	38	0	131	72.78%

ARAPAHO DISTRICT ONE LEGISLATOR	CANTON	SEILING	WATONGA	ABSENTEE	Absentee Hand Tallys	TOTALS	%
JANE NIGHTWALKER	51	8	18	48	2	127	57.99%
RICHARD D. WILLIAMS	22	1	6	63	0	92	42.01%

ARAPAHO DISTRICT TWO LEGISLATOR	CONCHO	GEARY	KINGFISHER	ABSENTEE	Absentee Hand Tallys	TOTALS	%
MICHAEL KODASEET	90	72	4	64	3	233	56.69%
CHRISTINE MORTON	80	33	4	59	2	178	43.31%

VOTER PARTICIPATION
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST BY PRECINCT

CONCHO	GEARY	KINGFISHER	HAMMON	ELK CITY	CANTON	SEILING	WATONGA	CLINTON	WEATHERFORD	THOMAS	LONGDALE	ABSENTEE	Absentee Hand Tallys	TOTALS
402	133	55	94	57	74	51	92	195	95	28	24	742	17	2059

Dancing for education

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

The annual Eagles-in-Flight powwow was held Nov. 21, 2009 at John Marshall High School in Oklahoma City. Among the honorees were three Native American principals.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member Funston Whiteman (middle) was recognized along with Lisa Johnson, Cherokee, (left) and Judy Jones, Cherokee, (right).

Whiteman is the assistant principal at John Marshall High School, Johnson is the principal at Taft Middle School, and Jones is the principal at Horace Mann Elementary, all in Oklahoma City.

Whiteman said the Native American principals are trying to fill the cultural void for Native American students in public schools, and the school administration is going to present one scholarship this spring to one senior who has been admitted to college.

"It's all about the kids," Whiteman said.

Photos by Dana Attocknie

Living Legends

Kathryn Hoffman

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune Living Legends series showcases Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal elders.

With each story we're helping current and future generations learn from tribal elders as well as share in their life experiences and treasured moments. The stories in this series are personal, intimate and irreplaceable.

We hope everyone will enjoy, learn and become inspired by the words and lessons of their elders in our Living Legends series. We also hope the elders, no matter where they are located, will continue to share the lessons, laughter and love they have experienced so far.

Mary Belle Lonebear

If you are an elder and are willing to share your history or if you would like to nominate an elder, please contact me at (800) 247-4612 x27608 or email dattocknie@c-a-tribes.org.

Respectfully, *Dana Attocknie*

Samuel Hart

Doty Lumpmouth